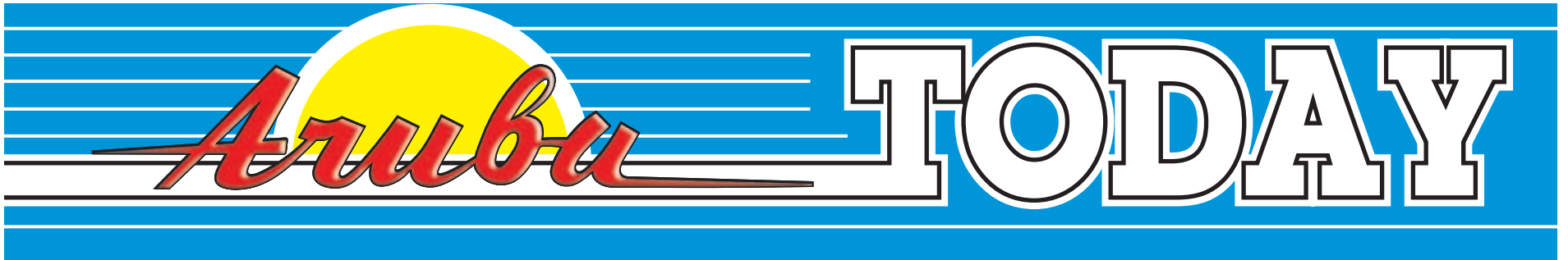




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People look through a crack of the so-called hinterland wall (interior wall) decorated with roses at the Berlin Wall memorial site at Bernauer Strasse in Berlin, Germany, Sunday, Nov. 9, 2014. 25 years ago - on Nov. 9, 1989 - the East-German government lifted travel restrictions and thousands of East Berliners had pushed their way past perplexed border guards to celebrate freedom with their brethren in the West.

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## Germany Marks 25 Years Since Fall of Berlin Wall

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tion.

This year's Global Customer Appreciation Week theme was to raise awareness for "Travel Brilliantly", which is Marriott's new brand concept designed for a new generation of travelers; the Master Blender. The



theme was incorporated in the Customer Event that took place at the beautiful H2Oasis Adult Pool with modern decoration by Rosetty Eleonora and DJ booth and screen setup by Elite Entertainment.

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During the event the customers also enjoyed a spectacular show by the Baracudas Synchronize Swim Team, who prepared a very special choreography on a production of Nutzbeatz.

To end the week, the Sales & Marketing, Reservations and Events team visited Ambiente Feliz and had a wonderful morning interacting, playing games and dancing with the habitants while also enjoying cookies and pastries prepared by the Aruba Marriott Chefs. At noon, the habitants enjoyed delicious lunch boxes donated by the Aruba Marriott Team.

The Aruba Marriott Resort would like to thank its loyal customers for their continuous trust and support and look forward to continue working with them for many years to come.



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# Germany Marks 25 Years Since Fall of Berlin Wall

**FRANK JORDANS**  
**Associated Press**

**BERLIN (AP)** — As Germany celebrated the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall on Sunday, Elke Rosin recalled how lucky her family had been. Her pet parakeet and a few personal belongings were all that Rosin managed to grab before her family fled from East to West Berlin 53 years ago. Hours after their frantic escape, the communist authorities in East Germany sealed off the border and began building the Wall. "We all got away and nobody died," said Rosin, who is now 70. Others weren't so fortunate. During its 28-year existence, at least 138 people died at the Wall, and hundreds more were jailed for trying to escape. German Chancellor Angela Merkel honored their memory and paid tribute to those who helped bring down the Wall, calling its collapse an example of the human yearning for freedom. On the night of Nov. 9, 1989, thousands of East Berliners streamed through the once-closed border crossings after commu-



Balloons of the art installation 'Lichtgrenze 2014' flue away in front of Brandenburg Gate during the central event commemorating the fall of the wall in Berlin, Germany, Sunday, Nov. 9, 2014. 25 years ago - on Nov. 9, 1989 - the East-German government lifted travel restrictions and thousands of East Berliners had pushed their way past perplexed border guards to celebrate freedom with their brethren in the West.

(AP Photo/Michael Sohn)

nist authorities caved in to mounting pressure and relaxed travel restrictions that had prevented their citizens from going to the west for decades.

"It was about reclaiming freedom, about being citizens, not subjects," Merkel said at the main memorial site for the Wall on Bernauer Strasse.

The protests in East Germany were spurred by changes that had already taken place elsewhere in Eastern Europe, she said, citing the examples set by democracy movements in Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary. "The fall of the Wall has shown us that dreams can come true," said Merkel, who grew up in East Germany. "Nothing has to stay the way it is, however big the hurdles are." Activists staged a small demonstration during the memorial event, holding up a banner with the words "No wall around Europe" to protest the treatment of refugees trying to reach the continent. A million people were expected to attend Sunday's

festivities in Berlin, which included an open-air party at the city's Brandenburg Gate and the release of hundreds of helium-filled balloons strung along a 15-kilometer (9-mile) stretch of the former border. Merkel noted that Nov. 9 is a significant date in Germany history also for being the day when, in 1938, Nazi paramilitaries launched a pogrom against the country's Jewish population in what became known as Reichskristallnacht — the "Night of Broken Glass." "That was the opening note for the murder of millions," said Merkel, adding that on Nov. 9 each year "I feel not just joy, but the responsibility that German history burdens us with." □




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## US racing against time and Congress on Iran nuke deal

LARA JAKES

AP National Security Writer

**MUSCAT, Oman (AP)** — The Obama administration is facing its last best chance to curb Iran's nuclear program — not just to meet an end-of-the-month deadline for a deal, but also to seal one before skeptical Republicans who will control Congress next year are able to scuttle it.

Years of negotiations to limit Tehran's nuclear production entered the final stretch Sunday as U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry met with Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif and European Union senior adviser Catherine Ashton in Oman's capital. With no immediate agreement in sight, officials said the discussions were expected to continue into Monday.

The stakes are high as the Nov. 24 deadline approaches. A deal could quell Mideast fears about Iran's ability to build a nuclear bomb and help revive the Islamic Republic's economy.

It also would deliver a foreign policy triumph for the White House, which is being hammered by prominent Republican senators over its handling of the civil war in Syria and the growth of the Islamic State militancy in Iraq. Those same critics seek to put the brakes on U.S.-Iranian bartering, if not shut it down completely, once they seize the majority on Jan. 3.

The Obama administration "needs to understand that this Iranian regime cares more about trying to weaken America and push us out of the Middle East than cooperating with us," Republican Sens. John McCain of Arizona, the incoming chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, said in a statement last week. President Barack Obama told CBS' "Face The Nation" that his administration's "unprecedented sanctions" on Iran are what forced Tehran to the negotiating table. "Our number one priority with respect to Iran is making sure they don't get a nuclear weapon," he said.

But Obama also cited "a big gap" between Iran and world powers as they try for a final agreement. "We may not be able to get there," he said in the interview broadcast Sunday.

Over the past year, congressional Republicans have made little secret of their skepticism of Obama's outreach to Tehran.

## American freed by North Korea: 'I learned a lot'

MANUEL VALDES

JOSH LEDERMAN

Associated Press

**JOINT BASE LEWIS-McCHORD, Washington (AP)**

— Kenneth Bae arrived home after years of imprisonment in North Korea, expressing his gratitude to the U.S. government for securing his release and revealing that his time there offered lessons.

"It's been an amazing two years, I learned a lot, I grew a lot, I lost a lot of weight," said Bae, a Korean-American missionary with health problems. Asked how he was feeling, he said, "I'm recovering at this time."

He was one of the last two Americans held captive by the reclusive communist country to return home. Bae and Matthew Miller landed Saturday night at a Washington state military base after a top U.S. intelligence official secured their release.

Bae, surrounded by family members, spoke briefly to the media after the plane carrying him and Miller landed. He thanked President Barack Obama and the people who supported him and his family. He also thanked the North Korean government for releasing him.

"I just want to say thank you all for supporting me and standing by me," Bae said. His family has said he

suffers from diabetes, an enlarged heart, liver problems and back pain.

Members of Bae's family, who live near the sprawling military base south of Seattle, met him when he land-

between the Obama administration and the young North Korean leader, Kim Jong Un, whose approach to the U.S. has shifted back and forth from defiance to occasional conciliation.



**Kenneth Bae, right, who had been held in North Korea since 2012, talks to reporters after he arrived Saturday, Nov. 8, 2014, at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., after he was freed during a top-secret mission. Looking on from left are Bae's brother-in-law Andrew Chung, his mother, Myunghee Bae, and his sister, Terri Chung.**

(AP Photo/Ted S. Warren)


ed. His mother hugged him after he got off the plane. Miller stepped off the U.S. government aircraft a short time later and also was greeted with hugs.

U.S. officials said Miller of Bakersfield, California, and Bae of Lynnwood, Washington state, flew back with James Clapper, the director of national intelligence. Clapper was the highest-ranking American to visit Pyongyang in more than a decade.


Their release was the latest twist in the fitful relationship

"It's a wonderful day for them and their families," Obama said. "Obviously, we are very grateful for their safe return."


A senior Obama administration official said the president approved the mission last week and U.S. officials spent the next several days planning the trip. Clapper spent roughly a day on the ground and met with North Korean security officials — but not with Kim, the official said aboard Air Force One as Obama prepared to head to Beijing.



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## Republican victory shapes 2016 presidential race

**KEN THOMAS**  
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**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The 2016 presidential race was about the new Republican-controlled Congress even before the polls closed Tuesday night.

As the Republican rout became clear late on election night, would-be Democratic front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton found herself with a ready-made foil in the Republican-led Congress that begins next year just as a few high-profile senators seized on their new status as a springboard into 2016.

Some Republican governors already have begun to try to distance themselves from unpopular congressional leaders in both parties.

"I think governors make much better presidents than members of Congress," said Wisconsin's Republican Gov. Scott Walker, who just won his third

election in four years and is contemplating a presidential bid.

Republicans are facing their most unpredictable

tied Democratic candidates to President Barack Obama at every turn, winning Senate races in Colorado, Iowa and North



**Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas speaks in Washington. The 2016 presidential race was about the new Republican-controlled Congress even before the 2014 polls closed.**

(AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

presidential primary campaign in a generation, while Clinton remains the overwhelming favorite for Democrats who are reeling from heavy losses in last week's midterm elections. Republicans successfully

Carolina, usually competitive states in presidential elections. Even before polls closed, ambitious Republicans began casting Democrats' struggles as a referendum on Clinton as well as Obama.

"In many ways, she was the big loser on Tuesday because she embodies everything that's wrong with Washington," Walker told NBC television's "Meet The Press" on Sunday, echoing the attacks of other potential Republican presidential contenders in recent days. As many as a dozen Republicans are considering presidential runs after a dominant midterm performance that many consider the first step in retaking the White House.

Strategists report an early burst of activity among prospective candidates, who are taking initial steps to create super political action committees and nonprofit organizations that would allow them to begin raising campaign money even before they announce their intentions. While it wasn't technically a campaign ad, the 2016 primary season saw its first television special over the weekend.

An hour-long documentary featuring retired brain surgeon Ben Carson, a conservative favorite little known on the national stage, ran in more than two dozen states Saturday and Sunday.

The program, which likens Carson to former President Ronald Reagan at times, was produced by Carson's business manager, Armstrong Williams, who noted that Carson didn't pay for the nationwide run that included states such as Iowa, South Carolina and Ohio. "Make no mistake, he's seriously thinking about running," Armstrong said. Also thinking of running are at least three first-term sen-

ators who will begin next year in the Senate majority: Sens. Marco Rubio of Florida, Ted Cruz of Texas and Rand Paul of Kentucky. Some have adopted a bipartisan tone in the midterm's aftermath, although the likelihood of continued Washington gridlock poses political risks for the trio as Congress' approval ratings hover near all-time lows.

"I want to get things done," Paul told The Associated Press in an interview, although he was among the first to attack Clinton last week, casting his party's midterm success as a referendum on Clinton as much as Obama.

Paul planned to meet with advisers this coming week to map out his plans for the next few months. He insists he will not make a final decision about the 2016 presidential contest until next spring.

The primary season takes another big step forward later this month when the Republican Governors Association meets to elect a new chairman in Florida.

All eyes will be on Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, with the outgoing chairman, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, passing the reins to another ambitious governor. Advisers suggest that a run for the post may signal disinterest in a 2016 presidential run; fundraising logistics make it very difficult to do both.

As governors gather in Florida, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush headlines a Washington conference for his education foundation that seems certain to draw strong 2016 buzz.

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## Massachusetts town weighs nation's 1st tobacco ban



Brian Vincent poses in front of a large display of tobacco products at Vincent's Country Store in Westminister, Mass., Thursday, Nov. 6, 2014. Local officials are contemplating what could be a first: a blanket ban on all forms of tobacco and e-cigarettes, leaving some shop owners fuming. (AP Photo/Elise Amendola)

AMY CRAWFORD  
Associated Press

**WESTMINSTER, Massachusetts (AP)** — The cartons of Marlboros, cans of Skoal and packs of Swisher Sweets are hard to miss stacked near the entrance of Vincent's Country Store, but maybe not for much longer: All tobacco products could become contraband if local health officials get their way.

This sleepy central Massachusetts town of 7,700 has become an improbable battleground in America's tobacco wars. On Wednesday, the Board of Health will hear public comment on a proposed regulation that could make Westminister the first municipality in the United States to ban sales of all tobacco products within town lines.

"To my knowledge, it would be the first in the nation to enact a total ban," said Thomas Carr, director of national policy at the American Lung Association. "We commend the town for doing it."

Town health agent Elizabeth Swedberg said a ban seemed like a sensible solution to a vexing problem.

"The tobacco companies are really promoting products to hook young people," she said, pointing to 69-cent bubblegum-flavored cigars, electronic

cigarettes and a new form of dissolvable smokeless tobacco that resembles Tic Tac candies. "The board was getting frustrated trying to keep up with this."

Citing a report from the U.S. surgeon general, Swedberg said that if tobacco use continues unabated, 5.6 million American children who are younger than 18 today will die prematurely because of smoking. Change, she said, "has to start somewhere."

Brian Vincent would rather it not start with his family-owned grocery on Main Street. Tobacco products, he said, make up more than 5 percent of sales.

A quarter of his customers purchase tobacco, Vincent said, and while they're there, they often pick up a gallon of milk or one of the fresh-baked maple-candied bacon chocolate chip cookies that are displayed by the check-out aisle.

"It's going to send business five minutes this way or five minutes that way — no one's going to quit," said Vincent, who admits to enjoying a cigar himself now and then.

Encouraged by the New England Convenience Store Association, Vincent has been asking customers to sign a petition against the proposal. He has gath-

ered more than 800 signatures so far, and other merchants are on track to deliver hundreds more to town officials this week.

David Sutton, a spokesman for Richmond, Virginia-based Altria Group Inc., owner of the nation's biggest cigarette maker, Philip Morris USA, called the proposal a "bad policy" that will harm local employers.

"We believe businesses should be able to choose which products they carry," Sutton said. "If the ban were to be implemented, adult tobacco and e-vapor consumers could shift their purchases to neighboring stores. The proposed regulations, if enacted, would fundamentally alter these businesses and would likely cost Westminister jobs."

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## APEC and the Asian Pivot:

# Asia trip tests Obama's postelection global clout

JOSH LEDERMAN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — His influence at home fading, President Barack Obama is looking abroad to China, the opening stop of a three-country trip that will test his ability to play a commanding global role during his final two years in office.

Once Obama was treated like a superstar on the world stage. But the president will arrive in Beijing on Monday under far different conditions, with his most powerful days behind him.

At home, Republicans are still rejoicing at having pummeled Obama's party in the midterm elections, relegating Democrats to

the minority in both chambers of Congress. His counterparts in Asia surely have noticed.

The trip also marks one of Obama's final chances to deliver on his goal to amplify America's influence in Asia and the Pacific. In China, Myanmar and Australia, leaders may render a judgment on whether Obama's lofty ambitions in the region have been sidetracked by crises in Eastern Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

"This is going to be a tough trip for the president," said Ernest Bower, an Asia expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. He said Asian leaders were viewing Obama's visit with



President Barack Obama waves as he boards Air Force One, Sunday, Nov. 9, 2014, at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. Obama is traveling to the Asia-Pacific region for a week of international summits. (AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)







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"They'll be trying to discern whether he has the commitment and political capital to follow through," Bower said.

Even before the election, Obama's commitment to the region and his ability to boost U.S. clout there was in doubt in many capitals. U.S. allies such as Japan and South Korea have pressed for a greater American presence, partly to counter China's growing influence. Yet Obama's mission against the Islamic State group and his government's Ebola response have diverted U.S. military and financial resources elsewhere.

"The president remains deeply committed to his Asia rebalancing strategy, and its implementation will remain a top priority throughout the second term," said his national security adviser, Susan Rice. U.S. presidents often im-

merse themselves in foreign affairs during their last years in office, when the focus on the next presidential race saps the energy from their domestic efforts. Under Obama, U.S. trade negotiators for years have been pursuing the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a major trade pact being negotiated with 11 nations. The talks repeatedly have blown past their deadlines, and other nations have been wary about Obama's ability to push a deal through Congress, where Democrats are sensitive to the concerns of labor unions. But with Republicans in charge, Obama's prospects may have increased — so the argument goes. Republicans tend to support trade deals as a way to boost the U.S. economy, and GOP leaders have spoken positively about giving Obama the power to submit a final deal to an up-or-down vote, preventing last-minute amendments that could sink it.





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## Iraqi officials say IS leader wounded in airstrike



This file image made from video posted on a militant website Saturday, July 5, 2014, which has been authenticated based on its contents and other AP reporting, purports to show the leader of the Islamic State group, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, delivering a sermon at a mosque in Iraq. On Sunday, Nov. 9, 2014, Iraqi officials and state television said al-Baghdadi has been wounded in an airstrike in western Iraq. An Interior Ministry intelligence official told The Associated Press on Sunday that the strike happened early Saturday in the town of Qaim in Iraq's Anbar province.

(AP Photo/Militant video)

**QASSIM ZAHRA  
VIVIAN SALAMA  
Associated Press**

**BAGHDAD (AP)** — Iraqi officials said Sunday that an airstrike wounded the leader of the Islamic State group, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. Pentagon officials said they had no immediate information on such a strike or al-Baghdadi being wounded. Iraq's Defense and Interior Ministries issued statements saying al-Baghdadi had been wounded, without elaborating. An Interior Ministry intelligence official told The Associated Press that al-Baghdadi was hit during a meeting Saturday with militants in the town of Qaim in Iraq's western Anbar province. The official, citing informants within the militant group,

said the strike wounded al-Baghdadi. A senior Iraqi military official also said he learned in operational meetings that al-Baghdadi had been wounded. Both officials said the operation was carried out by Iraqi security forces. Neither knew the extent of al-Baghdadi's apparent injuries. Both spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss confidential material. State television later also reported that al-Baghdadi had been wounded. Al-Baghdadi, an ambitious Iraqi militant believed to be in his early 40s, has a \$10 million U.S. bounty on his head. Since taking the reins of the group in 2010, he has transformed it from a local branch of al-Qaida into an independent transnational military force, positioning

himself as perhaps the pre-eminent figure in the global jihadi community.

The reclusive leader is purported to have made only one public appearance, delivering a sermon at a mosque in Iraq's second-largest city of Mosul, as seen in a video posted online in June. Al-Baghdadi's purported appearance in Mosul came five days

after his group declared the establishment of an Islamic state, or caliphate, in the territories it holds in Iraq and Syria. The group proclaimed al-Baghdadi its leader and demanded that all Muslims pledge allegiance to him.

Since then, part of the Islamic State group's core strategy has been to establish administration over lands that it controls to

project an image of itself as a ruler and not just a fighting force. In parts of Syria under its control, the group now administers courts, fixes roads and even polices traffic. It recently imposed a curriculum in schools in its Syrian stronghold, Raqqa, scrapping subjects such as philosophy and chemistry, and fine-tuning the sciences to fit with its ideology.



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## 1 million Catalans vote in mock independence poll



Pro-independence demonstrators of Catalonia and Basque Country raise their regional flags as they gather on a square to support an informal independence poll to celebrate in Catalonia, in Pamplona northern Spain, Sunday, Nov. 9, 2014.

(AP Photo/Alvaro Barrientos)

**JOSEPH WILSON**  
**Associated Press**

**BARCELONA, Spain (AP)** — Catalonia's government said more than a million voters participated Sunday in an informal vote on whether the wealthy north-eastern region should secede from the rest of Spain. The regional Catalan government pushed forward with the vote despite Spain's Constitutional Court ordering its suspension on Tuesday after it agreed to hear the Spanish government's challenge that the poll is unconstitutional. The Catalan government said that over 1.1 million of the 5.4 million eligible voters had voted by 1300 local time at polling stations manned with more than 40,000 volunteers. Results are expected Monday morning.

"Despite the enormous impediments, we have been

able to get out the ballot boxes and vote," regional president Artur Mas said after depositing his ballot at a school in Barcelona.

The ballot asks voters two questions: should Catalonia be a state, and if so, should it be independent. Polls show that the majority of Catalonia's 7.5 million inhabitants want an official vote on independence, while around half support breaking centuries-old ties with Spain.

Catalonia's push for independence comes two months after the Scots voted to remain in the United Kingdom.

Mas has said the vote, which lacks guarantees such as an electoral roll, is only symbolic and will likely lead to anticipated regional elections that will stand-in for a referendum on independence.

## MH17 victims' remains flown to Netherlands

**EINDHOVEN, Netherlands (AP)** — Recently discovered remains of some of those on board Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 were flown back to the Netherlands on Saturday, nearly four months after the passenger jet plunged out of the sky over eastern Ukraine.

The remains, in five coffins, arrived on board a military transport plane and were carried to waiting hearses in a solemn ceremony at a military air base in the southern city of Eindhoven. They were being taken to barracks in Hilversum where a team of experts is working to identify all 298 passengers and crew who were on board the flight from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur when it was

downed on July 17. Most of the victims were Dutch.

So far, 289 of the victims have been positively identified.

On Monday, the Netherlands is holding a national commemoration service in Amsterdam for the victims. Hundreds of grieving relatives are expected to attend, along with politicians and the Dutch king and queen.

Dutch investigators probing the exact cause of the crash say it was likely hit in midair by multiple "high-energy objects," a preliminary conclusion that some aviation experts say is consistent with a missile strike. Dutch police are carrying out a separate criminal investigation into what happened.

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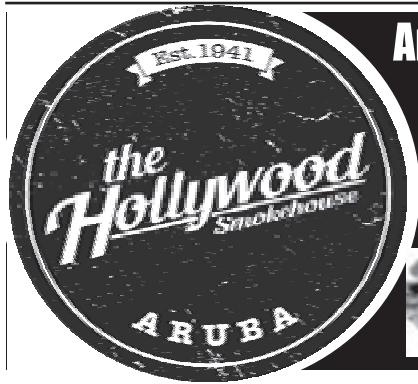
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# Queen Elizabeth II leads UK memorial ceremony



Britain's Queen Elizabeth II arrives during the service of remembrance at the Cenotaph in Whitehall, London, Sunday, Nov. 9, 2014. The annual service is to remember those who have lost their lives serving in the Armed Forces.

(AP Photo/Tim Ireland)

**GREGORY KATZ**  
**Associated Press**

**LONDON (AP)** — Queen Elizabeth II honored fallen soldiers from Britain and the Commonwealth Sunday in a dignified ceremony at the heart of central London.

The 88-year-old monarch placed a poppy-laden wreath at the foot of the Cenotaph, built after World War I to remember those who lost their lives.

Large crowds, including a leather-lunged enthusiast who managed to shout "Hooray" loudly enough to

be picked up by national television, thronged the surrounding streets on a cold, clear day in the capital.

The annual ceremony remains a national focal point, much as it was when Elizabeth was a young princess.

There is the mournful symphonic music, the march of around 10,000 veterans, and the sense that Britain and much of the Commonwealth has come to a halt to recognize those who have lost their lives in battle.

Prime Minister David Cam-

eron called this year's event particularly poignant because 2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I. He also cited the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings and the conclusion of Britain's military operations in Afghanistan.

The pageantry harkens back to the days of the British Empire, even as contemporary losses of British personnel in Afghanistan

are sadly noted.

Elizabeth, dressed in black, bowed her head after she placed the wreath at the Cenotaph and spent more than a half hour standing motionless as the ceremony unfolded.

The queen was followed to the Cenotaph by her husband, 93-year-old Prince Philip, who saluted after placing his wreath. The Royal Navy World War II veteran wore a ceremo-

nial uniform. Next came Prince Charles, also a veteran, and Prince William, who served as a military helicopter rescue pilot, and other royals.

William's pregnant wife Kate and Charles' wife Camilla watched from a nearby balcony. Both wore black.

Prince Harry, a veteran of Afghanistan combat, paid tribute at Kandahar airfield in that country.

## Greece:

## Rejected food feeds 5,000

**THESSALONIKI, Greece (AP)**

— More than 5,000 Greeks have eaten over 2 tons of fruit and vegetables rejected by food stores in an event that highlighted the waste of food in advanced societies.

People lined up in the northern Greek city of Thessaloniki Sunday to eat Briam, a medley of vegetables cooked in large casseroles, as well as crepes and fruit salads.

The event was part of a global campaign called

"Feeding5000."

The organizers said they had received the vegetables from local farmers after they had been rejected by food stores, either because of their shape or because the stores decided to cancel contracts with the farmers.

They said the produce was perfectly edible and that about 30 percent of the annual global food-stuff production gets lost or wasted.

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## Mexico protests enflamed by 'Enough, I'm tired' comment

**MARIA VERZA**  
**Associated Press**

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — An off-the-cuff comment by the attorney general to cut off a news conference about the apparent killing of 43 missing college students has been taken up by protesters as a rallying cry against Mexico's corruption and drug trade-fueled violence.

During the session that was televised live Friday, Attorney General Jesus Murillo Karam announced that two suspects had led authorities to trash bags believed to contain the incinerated remains of the slain students, who haven't been seen since being led away by police in the southwestern town of Iguala on Sept. 26.

After an hour of speaking, Murillo Karam abruptly signaled for an end to questions by turning away from reporters and saying, "Ya me canse" — a phrase meaning "Enough, I'm tired."

Within hours, the phrase

became a hashtag linking messages on Twitter and other social networks. It continued to trend global-

Tube.

Many turned the phrase on the attorney general: "Enough, I'm tired of Mu-

vent their frustrations with messages such as "Enough, I'm tired of living in a narco state" or "Enough, I'm tired

from a rural teachers college in Guerrero state and a government response that has failed to fully explain what happened. On Saturday, protesters burned several cars and trucks outside the governor's offices in Chilpancingo, the Guerrero capital where demonstrations over the students' disappearance have escalated into violence several times. Investigators say Iguala Mayor Jose Luis Abarca and his wife, Maria de los Angeles Pineda Villa, ordered police to confront the students, who had gone to Iguala to raise money and had commandeered passenger buses for their use. The couple reportedly feared the students would disrupt an event being led by the wife. Iguala police fired on the students in two incidents, killing six people. Officers then allegedly turned over 43 arrested students to a local drug gang. Murillo Karam said members of the gang confessed to killing the students before burning their bodies and tossing the ashes and bone fragments into a river.

At least 74 people have been arrested, including Abarca and his wife, who were found Tuesday hiding in a dilapidated home in a rough section of Mexico City.

Families of the missing students insisted they will continue to believe their sons are alive until authorities prove the recovered remains are theirs. Murillo Karam said the bone fragments would be sent to a lab in Austria for testing.

Manuel Martinez, a spokesman for the families, said the "YaMeCanse" rallying cry was proof that their demand for answers is gaining strength. □



**Vehicles set to fire by rural college students, burn outside the entrance of the Governor's Palace in Guerrero's state capital, Chilpancingo, Mexico. Suspects in the disappearance of the 43 Raul Isidro Burgos rural college students have confessed to loading the youths onto dump trucks, murdering them at a landfill, then burning the bodies and dumping the ashen remains into a river, Mexican authorities said Friday.**  
(AP Photo/Alejandro Gonzalez)

ly Saturday and began to emerge in graffiti, in political cartoons and in video messages posted to You-

rillo Karam," says one. Another asks: "If you're tired, why don't you resign?" Other people used it to

of corrupt politicians." Mexicans have reacted with outrage to the disappearance of the students

## China pledges \$40 billion for new 'Silk Road'

**CHRISTOPHER BODEEN**  
**Associated Press**

**BEIJING (AP)** — Chinese President Xi Jinping is promising \$40 billion to help Asian nations improve trade links in a new effort to assert Beijing's ambitions as a regional leader.

Xi made the pledge in a meeting with leaders of Pakistan, Bangladesh and five other Asian nations ahead of this week's Asia-Pacific economic summit, state media reported Sunday.

The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation gathering brings together leaders of the United States, China, Japan and 18 other

economies, giving Beijing a prominent platform to assert its ambitions for a regional leadership role to match its status as the world's second-largest economy.

The summit Monday and Tuesday also gives opportunities for regional diplomacy, including a possible ice-breaking meeting between the leaders of China and Japan after two years of tensions in an island dispute that raised concerns of a military confrontation between Asia's two largest economies.

Beijing has launched a series of initiatives this year aimed at increasing its influence in what it sees as

U.S.-dominated regional and global trade, finance and security structures.

The latest effort, the "Silk Road Fund," will finance infrastructure and cooperation in industry and finance to link Asian economies, Xi said in the meeting Saturday with leaders of Bangladesh, Cambodia, Laos, Mongolia, Myanmar, Pakistan and Tajikistan.

"Efforts by a single or several countries are far from adequate," said Xi, according to China's official Xinhua News Agency. "Only by building extensive partnerships where all will think and work in unison can we expect to achieve positive results."

Last month, China and 20 other Asian governments launched a \$50 billion bank to finance infrastructure in the region, despite U.S. objections that it was an unneeded duplication of work by the World Bank. Beijing is providing most of the startup capital.

In May, Xi called for the creation of a new Asian structure for security cooperation based on a group that includes Russia and excludes the United States.

Linking Asian countries is "not merely about building roads and bridges or making linear connection of different places," Xi was quoted as saying. □





## The Blue Lobster Restaurant Puts the Sizzle Back in the Strip!



**PALM BEACH** - On what is becoming (again) the Strip in the district of Noord in Aruba, there is only good news coming out one after the other. Excellent culinary facilities are now booming and many new restaurants and cafes/bars and entertaining facilities are now available, providing exceptional service and a great variety of cuisines, pleasing all kinds of tastes and even the more sophisticated patrons. Many of these facilities have been awarded the Certificate of Excellence by TripAdvisor confirming the high quality of their food and service. The Blue Lobster Restaurant is one of the best new places involved in this renaissance. Some 15-to-20

years ago this area was the place to be, and for sure in the memories of the loyal Aruba visitors, many good moments will come to mind when having the opportunity to visit this area again.

If you like to have a fantastic dinner and enjoy a relaxing atmosphere all you need to do is take a short walk beyond Wendy's after the traffic lights, in this area you will find 2 great seafood restaurants, which have made for themselves two of the best names in Aruban seafood cuisine. And those are The Blue Lobster and Waky-Wahoo. A little bit off the beaten path, but it is guaranteed to be worth the trip. Take a walk under the stars - hold hands and enjoy the



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Atmosphere	✓	0	0	0
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Some of the landmark restaurants are still there, serving their hundreds of loyal clients, which have been coming there for a wonderful dinner, year after year, and the trend continues now with the new kids in the block. For example, The Blue Lobster Restaurant has been there for only 36 months and already 75% of the clientele are repeat visitors. And it is showing an increase of 25% on new clients.

For sure you would like to come and see what is going on at the Palm Beach area, a bit away from the High Rise Hotels - and you will not regret giving it a try! The Blue Lobster Restaurant is heading the specialty culinary experience by offering an extensive menu with over 25 dishes prepared with lobster, as well as fresh catch-of-the-

day. Also, top quality meat dishes, pasta, seafood, a kids menu and even vegetarian dishes are found at this little, romantic and local-flavored restaurant.

Visit The Blue Lobster Restaurant and you will be pleasantly surprised. We heard that there is something for every budget; you can go for a live 3kilo lobster, or an 18oz lobster tail or a 500gram half lobster a la thermidor. Of if you prefer go for the regular menu!

And the best is that prices in the regular menu do not surpass 40 bucks per person (lobster included)!

A piece of advice: always ask for the specials - some days of the week you can get a three course dinner

for a fantastic low price.

Some clients have said 'The name is bigger than the restaurant.' Yes it is small in size, but big in quality food and professional service.

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## Kitchen Table by White: Fresh, Authentic Island Flavors

**PALM BEACH** - Island gourmards and vacationers who appreciate fine dining are buzzing about the unique experience of Kitchen Table by White, which opened in Blue Residences this summer. Helmed by Chef Urvin Croes, founder of White Modern Cuisine, Kitchen Table boasts that same attention to detail that made his first venture such a success, along with a vibrant, passionate staff dedicated to the concept of elevating traditional Aruban and Caribbean dishes to the realm of haute cuisine.

"Aruba has more than its share of French/Italian/fast food restaurants and steakhouses," observes Chef Urvin, "but I honestly believe that island visitors are looking for a distinctive



experience, not something they can have at home any time. During their stay, they wish to savor the authentic

flavors of the region, and we have sought out fresh, locally grown ingredients and interpreted traditional

island dishes in a manner to surprise and please the most finicky critic."

Urvin and his team are all graduates of Aruba's highly-respected EPI Culinary Institute. He continued his studies at the ROC Gild-evaart College, Nieuwegein, then apprenticed at the Brasserie Goeie Luisa, advancing to become their Chef de Partie. Urvin further developed his culinary skills during five years at the famed Michelin 5\* rated Grand Restaurant Karel V, perfectly his art before returning to Aruba to open his own eatery. Second in command, Sous Chef Ludovico Henriquez, and the Kitchen Table staff, consisting of Claude Werleman, Moises Ramirez and Jefferson Ramirez, are equally passionate about the concept of food as art. Watching them create the spectacular dishes in the elegant but cozy surroundings is a great part of the evening's entertainment. The multi-course meal is a feast for the eyes as well as the tastebuds; the inventive uses of just-picked regional flowers and herbs

such as frangipani, moringa, mata di seda and koko robona are explained, so diners can truly comprehend the careful thought and preparation that goes into each dish. Rounding out the Kitchen Table culinary team is Restaurant Manager and Wine Sommelier Carlito Castillo, who thoroughly enjoys sharing his love of fine vintages and has a deft touch at pairing them to perfection. His enthusiasm for the delicate



art of enhancing the flavors of both the wine and food with an ideal match is as infectious as his ready smile and congenial charm. He spent ten years in the kitchens of the Royal Caribbean cruise lines, where as a novice to the food service industry he discovered their wine cellars. His passion for the art won him first place among over 1500 employees during a stringent wine testing contest among all the line's culinary staffers. Discover island cuisine elevated to an elegant but intimate dining experience at Kitchen Table. Seating is extremely limited with only 14 reservations accepted nightly and four held for spur-of-the-moment gourmards. Reserve early online via [reservations@ktby-white.com](mailto:reservations@ktby-white.com), or call 528-7015.

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## Debut Event:

# Croleco Snacks Tasting Event a Great Success!



**ORANJESTAD-** For the very first time on November 6th, the factory of Croleco Snacks located at Caya Frere Bernadinus 12 hosted a successful business tasting event resulting in great responses! Last Thursday the successful tasting event had a great turnout and solid representation of many different restaurant owners, family and friends who came together to try delicious snacks by the oldest Aruban family owned snack company. The tasting turned out great! There were many people who turned up to support Croleco Snacks. Different Aruban newspapers were also in attendance which was an honor for the business and the event itself. Croleco Snacks has been around for almost half a decade. Having started production of the famous croquette and other Aruban snacks over 40 years ago, the company has

since grown from producing 1000 croquettes a day to many thousands of snacks daily! Through the years, Croleco Snacks has stood the test of time by always ensuring high quality taste and craftsmanship. The company only wants to deliver quality snacks, and take this task wholeheartedly.

Owner of Croleco Snacks and host of the tasting event was Rogelio Croes, who has taken on the task



from different Aruban restaurants like Peanuts Restaurant, various take away restaurants and large companies such as Balashi. All enjoyed the delicious snacks and deluxe platters that were offered. Attendees also had the opportunity to try Croleco's famous and rare Calco croquette, made using the special conch sea snail. A popular but hard to-find snack, Croleco perfected the Calco croquette for delicious tasting and sale!

Over wine and all the delicious snacks the lively tasting event was a great success, giving Croleco the ability to not only showcase their food and craftsmanship, but also their catering and takeaway service possibilities. Rogelio, Rogelli and the staff of Croleco Snacks were very proud to present and host the event and couldn't have anticipated a better turnout!

For more information on all Croleco Snacks products visit their website: [www.croleco.com](http://www.croleco.com) or [www.facebook.com/crolecosnacks](http://www.facebook.com/crolecosnacks)



## At The Sopranos Piano Bar, enjoy Jen Porter live!

**PALM BEACH** - Chicago piano bar entertainer Jen Porter has returned to Aruba to perform through the end of November at The Sopranos Piano Bar at Arawak Gardens, J.E. Irausquin 368.

With music that flows from one song to the next, from style to style, Jen Porter has the ability to captivate any audience. Critics say her voice is "soulfully raucous" and that she is "without a doubt an artist to keep your eye on." She is compared to Sheryl Crow, Stevie Nicks and Janis Joplin in the same breath. With a voice that reaches out and grabs you, and a piano style that's captivating and melodic, her performance is always memorable. Jen's powerful voice is attracting more attention than ever before. She has played many venues around Chicago, including The Cubby Bear, House Of Blues Hotel and Hard Rock Café. Her style is expansive and universal — and you can't help but love her powerhouse voice and smooth piano.

Jen performs a repertoire drawing on such diverse songbooks as those of Stevie Nicks, Aretha Franklin, Alanis Morissette, Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin and Queen — as well as her own original compositions. Don't miss this performance force, as she continues on her unique path to wow audiences everywhere.

Catch her act Sundays through Fridays beginning at 8pm.



of avid preserver of the original recipe and family traditions. While Rogelio runs the business side, and welcomed everyone to the factory with a big smile and full of enthusiasm, his son Rogelli Croes took care of the wide variety of snacks displayed for tasting. Being a professional chef, Rogelli keeps a close eye on daily proceedings in the factory, making sure every snack is up to Croleco standard.

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served at night is the true Bugaloe way, maybe this explains its popularity from the start. Crazy Fish Monday is served from 5.30 p.m. till 10 p.m. Bugaloe Beach Bar & Grill is open daily from 9 a.m. till midnight. Start your day of right with a delicious cappuccino, or walk in to enjoy a casual lunch in between sunbathing. A few nights a week Bugaloe is host to some of the best live bands of Aruba, while you are savoring dinner and enjoying the beautiful Aruba Sunset! Don't forget to make one hour in the day even happier at Bugaloe's daily Happy Hour from 5 till 6 p.m. Reservations are not necessary, just follow your hips to the music and the fun and smiles saluting you! ☐







New York Jets running back Chris Ivory (33) jumps over Pittsburgh Steelers' William Gay (22) during the first half of an NFL football game Sunday, Nov. 9, 2014, in East Rutherford, N.J. The Jets beat the Steelers 20-13.

(AP Photo/Bill Kestron)

## Jets Topple Steelers for First Win Since Week 1

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**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.** - Imagine being sequestered for the last nine weeks, with no access to television or smartphones or the news media, and that the first act of re-entry involved attending Sunday's game at MetLife Stadium.

That person would have come away certain that Jaquawn Jarrett was set to be the first active player inducted into the Jets' ring of honor; that T.J. Graham was a veritable Swiss army knife, as influential on offense as on special teams; and that the team was steaming toward a division

title. All would have been reasonable conclusions to draw while watching the Jets beat the Pittsburgh Steelers, 20-13, and avoid the ignominy of becoming the first squad in franchise history to lose nine consecutive games in a single season.

During a break at the end

of the third quarter, with the Jets leading by 20-3, the team's Flight Crew danced in the end zone to "We're Not Gonna Take It" by Twisted Sister, as if to say, "Eight losses are fine, but nine, well, that's just unacceptable."

How cathartic it must have been for Jets fans to cheer

when Pittsburgh's Shaun Suisham hooked a 23-yard field-goal attempt or when Ben Roethlisberger, who had fired 12 touchdown passes the last two weeks, threw into triple coverage or when the Steelers (6-4) committed three first-half turnovers.

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## Watson Takes His 1st World Golf Championship



# Jets topple Steelers for first win since Week 1



New York Jets free safety Jaquawn Jarrett (37) tackles Pittsburgh Steelers' Antonio Brown (84) during the first half of an NFL football game Sunday, Nov. 9, 2014, in East Rutherford, N.J. The Jets beat the Steelers 20-13.

(AP Photo/Kathy Willens)

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How disorienting it must have been for Jets fans to see anyone, let alone Jarrett, a reserve safety, recover a fumble and intercept two passes; to see Graham, who entered Sunday with one reception since signing six weeks ago, catch a touchdown pass and recover a fumble; and to see their team, which had lost its last two games by a combined 34 points, play with some measure of competence. Instead of yearning for the bad old days of Rich Kotite, the Jets, who escaped with the victory after allowing an 80-yard touchdown to Martavis Bryant with 1 minute 16 seconds remaining, provided evidence that they are the best 2-8 team in the NFL.

In their first victory since their Sept. 7 season opener against Oakland, the Jets scored the first 17 points to stifle - a little, at least - the thousands of Terrible Towels twirling in the stands. Three and a half hours before kickoff, the parking lots teemed with so many Steelers fans that the signs along the highways near MetLife Stadium could have read: "Steelers game 1 p.m. Plan alternate route."

Sprinkled among the black and gold were considerable pockets of green and white, of Jets fans who decided to spend a splendid autumn day watching a 1-8 team instead of pursuing more enjoyable pastimes, like a colonoscopy. "We still come," said Griffin Handley, 42, a longtime season-ticket holder who works in finance and lives in Stamford, Connecticut, "no matter what they do to our team."

Handley's tent was loaded with high school friends from Connecticut, including Rich Fedeli, 41, the owner of a commercial printing company who lives in New Canaan and named his miniature poodle Geno, after the deposed quarterback Geno Smith.

"My dog looks at me like, Why'd you name me that?" Fedeli said.

Fedeli could not discern whether his dog wondered how differently this season might have gone had the Jets given Michael Vick a fair shot at winning the starting job out of training camp, or at least not waited until last week to award him his first start.

Vick led the Jets to 17 points on their first three series Sunday, completed 10 of 18 passes for 132 yards and two touchdowns, and, for the second consecutive week, did not commit a turnover.

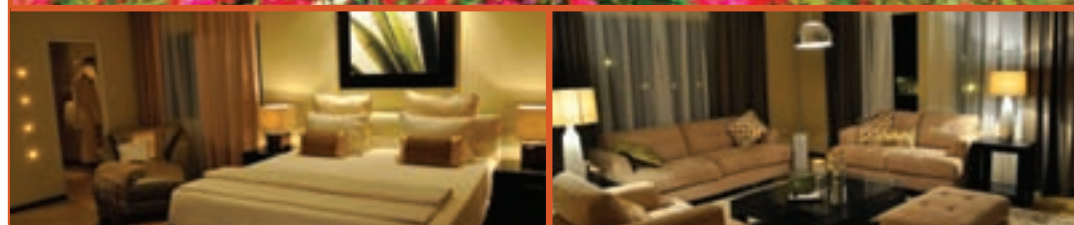
By running for 39 yards, Vick also surpassed 6,000 career rushing yards, extending his record for a quarterback.

In the first quarter the Jets outgained the Steelers, 164 yards to 5, and outscored them 17-0. The same team that had three takeaways in its first nine games had three in the first 28 minutes. Roethlisberger, who entered Sunday with 862 passing yards in his last two games, had 54 at halftime. (He finished with 343.)

A four-play sequence in the first quarter encapsulated the Jets' fortunes: Jarrett's 10-yard sack of Roethlisberger on a third down, Vick's 67-yard touchdown pass to Graham, and Jarrett's recovery of an Antonio Brown fumble that gave the Jets possession at the Pittsburgh 20. Five plays later, on a third down, Vick fired a 5-yard touchdown pass to Jace Amaro in the back of the end zone.

As often happens with the Jets, their week had drifted toward the surreal, with an airplane trailing a "Fire John Idzik" banner over the team's practice fields one day and coach Rex Ryan responding the next by sending up a toy helicopter with a sign reading, "Go Jets."

The airspace around the stadium Sunday contained only one plane toting a similar message: "Jets rebuilding since 1969." That could be true, but on this day it was difficult to tell. □



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London:

## Federer, Nishikori win opening matches at ATP Finals

SAMUEL PETREQUIN

AP Sports Writer

**LONDON (AP)** — Experience prevailed over youth as Roger Federer tamed Milos Raonic 6-1, 7-6 (0) in his opening round-robin match at the ATP Finals Sunday after Kei Nishikori started his maiden campaign at the season-ending tournament with a win. Federer, the most successful player at the elite championship, produced a flawless performance against the 23-year-old Raonic, the youngest player of the field at the indoor tournament. The 17-time Grand Slam champion, chasing a seventh title, saved all four break points he faced to avenge his loss to the big-serving Canadian in the quarterfinals of the Paris Masters last week.

Raonic did not play as freely as he did in the French capital while Federer, who is ten years older than Raonic, returned much better to break his opponent twice in the first set.

Raonic hit 10 aces to Federer's five and gave the Swiss a tougher challenge in the second set as both players held until the tie-break after Federer saved a set point with a service winner in the 12th game.

Earlier, Nishikori started his campaign with a 6-4, 6-4 win over home favorite Andy Murray, who is now facing an uphill task to reach the elite tournament's semifinals.

The fourth-seeded Japanese — the first Asian player to qualify for the year-end championship — secured important points in a tough Group B.

After the round-robin stage, the top two finishers in each group advance to the semifinals of the indoor

tournament at the O2.

"Obviously now I need to win my next two matches more than likely, and win them well if I want to go through," said Murray, who missed last year's tournament after undergoing surgery on his back. "That's going to be tricky because Milos obviously played fantastic last week in Paris, and Roger always plays well at this event. So I'm definitely going to have to play better if I want to get through." Murray, who had never lost a set to Nishikori in their three previous matches, only sealed his spot at the season finale last week in Paris following an impressive run that saw him win 20 of his previous 23 matches. But the former Wimbledon champion never looked capable of turning the match around. He dismissed the idea that fatigue finally took its toll on him. "I felt OK on the court today," he said. "I don't think that was the reason why I lost the match."

Murray, who had expressed worries that he could be rejected by local fans after coming out in favor of Scottish independence in September, received a warm welcome as he entered the court.

The Scot secured the first break in the fifth game after taking advantage of his opponent's unforced errors but could not hold his next serve after hitting two double-faults.

Nishikori did not serve well either, hitting eight double-faults and averaging a low first-serve percentage of 46. But Murray's struggles were even worse, winning only seven points on his second serve.

"I didn't serve well enough. He was able to dictate



Switzerland's Roger Federer plays a return to Canada's Milos Raonic during their ATP World Tour tennis finals match at the O2 arena in London, Sunday, Nov. 9, 2014.

(AP Photo/Alastair Grant)

a lot of points, especially behind my second serve," said Murray. "That was the

difference."

After a cautious start, Nishikori pushed Murray into

long rallies before overwhelming him with powerful groundstrokes. □

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# Rosberg holds off Hamilton to win Brazilian GP

**TALES AZZONI**  
**AP Sports Writer**

**SAO PAULO (AP)** — This time, Nico Rosberg wasn't going to let victory slip away. A week after seeing Lewis Hamilton overtake him to win the United States Grand Prix, Rosberg fended off another strong challenge by his Mercedes teammate to secure the victory at the Brazilian GP and close in on his rival in the Formula One title race. "It was a great weekend all in all," Rosberg said. "Just didn't do a good enough job in the race in Austin, today I managed to do that. I learned from Austin and did better, so that's a big step in the right direction. One race too late, (but) there's still all to play for." The German cut his points-deficit to 17 but Hamilton will keep the upper hand going into the season-ending race in Abu Dhabi, where the Briton can clinch his second title with



**Mercedes driver Nico Rosberg of Germany, leads the race followed by teammate Lewis Hamilton of Britain, during the Formula One Brazilian Grand Prix at the Interlagos race track in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Sunday, Nov. 9, 2014. Rosberg fended off a strong charge by Lewis Hamilton to win the Brazilian Grand Prix on Sunday, closing in on his Mercedes teammate in the Formula One title race.**  
(AP Photo/Andre Penner)

another second-place finish. If Rosberg misses out on a podium spot, Hamilton can finish eighth or better and still lift the trophy. Hamilton has 334 points

to 317 for Rosberg. The championship could not be decided at Interlagos because the race in Abu Dhabi on Nov. 23 will be worth double points.

"Now I'm just hoping for (Abu Dhabi) and need to try and keep this going now," he said. Hamilton also started behind Rosberg in Texas but out-

paced him during the race. Rosberg said it took too long for him to find his rhythm at the Circuit of Americas. It wasn't going to happen again this time. "I always needed to make sure that the gap was always such that there was no chance of him to go for the overtake, unlike Austin, and managed to do that, so that was good." It was Rosberg's fifth win of the season and his first since the German GP in July. Hamilton was trying to win his sixth race in a row. Felipe Massa of Williams finished third in front of his home crowd, ahead of Jenson Button of McLaren and Sebastian Vettel of Red Bull. Vettel, the winner last year in Brazil, was fifth, while Fernando Alonso of Ferrari finished sixth, ahead of teammate Kimi Raikkonen, the only front driver to use a two-stop strategy instead of a three-stop one. □

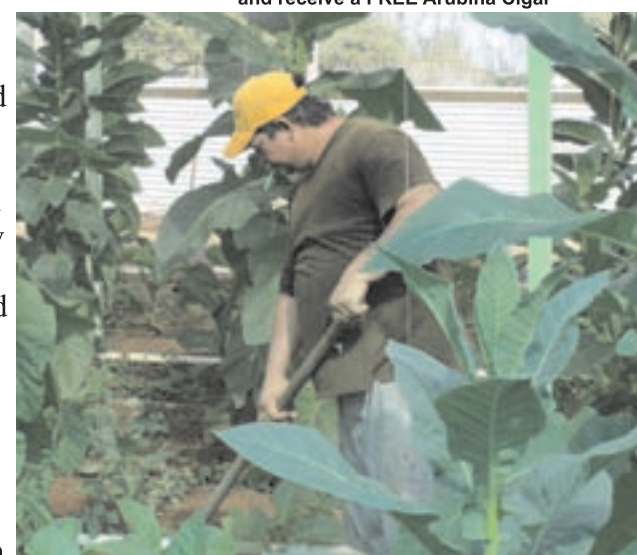
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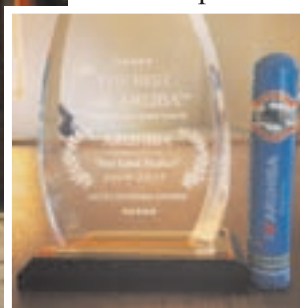
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## Mi Hyang Lee wins playoff in Mizuno Classic

**SHIMA, Japan (AP)** — Mi Hyang Lee of South Korea birdied the fifth hole of a three-way playoff Sunday to win the Mizuno Classic for her first LPGA title.

Lee sank a birdie putt to beat compatriot Ilhee Lee and Japan's Kotonu Kozuma. She shot 69 in regulation to finish tied at 11-under 205 with Ilhee Lee (70) and Kozuma, who also had a 69 in the final round.

"It was my first playoff ever so before I started the playoff I was a little nervous," said Lee, who made her LPGA debut in 2012. "I just kept playing and made pars and birdies and the other players played really good. It was exciting when I made the last putt."

The trio pared the first two playoff holes before an exciting third playoff hole where all three players made long birdie putts with the shortest being Mi Hyang Lee's at 25 feet to keep the three-person playoff rolling.

The group exchanged pars again on the 4th playoff hole before Lee tapped in for the win and the \$180,000 winner's prize.

The 21-year-old is the seventh South Korean to win on the LPGA Tour in 2014, and the second consecutive after Inbee Park won in Taiwan last Sunday.

Prior to Sunday, Lee had only had three top-10 finishes, including a sixth-place finish at the Reignwood LPGA Classic last month in Beijing.

Laura Davies, who held a share of the lead after the second round and was bidding to become the oldest winner in LPGA history at 51, had a 71 to finish one stroke back of the leaders.

## Watson wins his 1st World Golf Championship

**DOUG FERGUSON**

**AP Golf Writer**

**SHANGHAI (AP)** — Even in the midst of a meltdown, Bubba Watson never lost hope Sunday in the HSBC Champions.

He stood on the 16th tee with a two-shot lead. He trudged off the 17th green facing a one-shot deficit behind five players suddenly tied for the lead. And right when it looked as though Watson had blown it, he delivered a finish that not even the creator of "Bubba golf" could have imagined.

From some 60 yards away in a bunker left of the green on the par-5 18th hole, Watson blasted out of the sand and watched his ball roll 25 feet before it dropped for eagle. Watson was so stunned that his eyes widened and he screamed. He didn't know what else to do.

Moments later, he rolled in a 20-foot birdie putt on the 18th in a playoff to beat Tim Clark and capture his first World Golf Championship.

"You never know what he's going to do," said Rickie Fowler, who watched it all unfold at Sheshan International.

Watson closed with a 2-under 70, a score that doesn't even begin to describe his wild ride — an eagle, birdie, par, bogey and double bogey filled his scorecard over the last five holes.

The two-time Masters champion looked like a lost cause when he stood in the bunker on the 18th in regulation, waiting his turn to play. That's when he turned to his caddie and told him, "It's been a miserable couple holes here, but this will change everything if it goes in."

Talk about a Shanghai surprise.

"You always joke about holing it," Watson said. "And then it actually went in. I didn't know how to react and so I just kind of screamed, and I lost my voice a little bit. It was one of those shots, a one-in-a-lifetime kind of shot. And so it was pretty neat."

The 10th edition of the

group had a chance at birdie to join the playoff.

Graeme McDowell, who led after each of the three rounds, missed a 12-foot putt and shot 73. Hiroshi Iwata of Japan, the mystery guest on a world-class leaderboard, narrowly missed from 8 feet. U.S. Open champion Martin

same bunker in the playoff, and while he blasted out 20 feet short, the birdie putt was on the same line as the bunker shot he holed in regulation. He knew the speed and the break. The only difference was when he holed the winning putt, he didn't have a voice to scream. He bent his knees and repeatedly pumped both arms.

Watson became the 14th player to win a major and a World Golf Championship. Watson moved to No. 3 in the world, making him the highest-ranked American, and it was his seventh career win. Sweeter yet, he picked up a trophy far away from home.

"Being able to win outside the U.S., I just want to be able to travel and get through the jet lag, get through all the things and still perform at a high level," Watson said. "So for me to win out here, this is very big. This is very special for me."

That the other five players even had a chance was a bonus.

Watson was 89 yards away from the 16th green when he hit a lob wedge heavy and missed the green, such a bad spot that he did well to keep his chip on the green about 20 feet away. He two-putted for bogey. Then, he found a bunker left of the green on the par-3 17th and couldn't negotiate the soft sand. Using a 56-degree wedge, he left the first shot in the sand. His next one went off the green and onto the fringe, and he two-putted for double bogey.

When the final group behind him walked onto the 16th green, they were so stunned to see a five-way tie for the lead, they asked to make sure it was accurate. □



**Bubba Watson of the U.S. celebrates after making an eagle from a bunker on the 18th hole during final round of the HSBC Champions golf tournament at the Sheshan International Golf Club in Shanghai, China, Saturday, Nov. 9, 2014. Watson captured his first World Golf Championship. (AP Photo)**

HSBC Champions was the most memorable one yet. Clark made a 5-foot birdie on the final hole for a 69 to join Watson at 11-under 277. Fowler's hopes of joining them ended when he tried to hit a 5-wood from 228 yards over the water to a back pin position. The ball didn't make it over the front bank and rolled back into the water. He scrambled for a par and a 70.

All three players in the final

Kaymer hit a wedge that bounded off the green and into the water, leading to double bogey and a 73.

In the playoff, Clark had a 25-foot birdie putt that stopped a few inches short. "I knew I needed to birdie that playoff, especially with him being able to reach," Clark said. "I'm pleased overall. Obviously, disappointed to be that close." Watson wound up in the



## College Roundup:

# Texas A&M Aggies upset No. 3 Auburn Tigers 41-38

**AUBURN, Alabama (AP)** — Freshman Kyle Allen threw four touchdown passes in the first half and Texas A&M recovered two late fumbles to secure a 41-38 victory against No. 3 Auburn, likely ending the Tigers' playoff hopes.

The Aggies, who came in as 23-point underdogs, pulled off the kind of dramatic finish that had become more of an Auburn trademark. The Tigers, twice appeared to be driving toward a go-ahead touchdown before coughing it up on plays that never really got going. Blake Sims drove No. 4 Alabama 55 yards in the final 50 seconds of regulation for a tying field goal, and threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to DeAndrew White in overtime for a 20-13 win over No. 14 LSU.

With the victory and Auburn's upset loss to Texas A&M earlier in the day, Alabama is alone in second place in the SEC West Division with a game against first-place Mississippi State still on its schedule. Dak Prescott threw for two touchdowns and ran for another score, leading No. 1 Mississippi State to a 45-16 win over UT Martin.

The Bulldogs extended their winning streak to 12 games, jumping ahead 24-3 by halftime. Prescott completed 14 of 23 passes for 206 yards. It was his school-re-

Oregon beat No. 20 Utah 51-27. Joe Walker returned Kaelin Clay's careless goal line fumble 100 yards for a touchdown, Marcus Mariota threw three touchdown

the College Football Playoff race.

Clay had 152 yards on five catches, but it was the 1 yard he let slip away that will be remembered most.



**Auburn wide receiver Sammie Coates (18) catches a pass against Texas A&M defensive back Deshazor Everett (29) during the second half of an NCAA college football game Saturday, Nov. 8, 2014, in Auburn, Ala. Texas A&M defeated Auburn 41-38. (AP Photo/Brynn Anderson)**

cord ninth 200-yard passing game of the season.

At Tallahassee, Florida, No. 2 Florida State downed Virginia 34-20 after Jameis Winston threw for 261 yards and accounted for two touchdowns, while No. 5

passes and ran for another score as Oregon turned back Utah.

Mariota ran for 114 yards and was 17-for-29 passing for 239 yards, keeping the Ducks (9-1, 6-1 Pac-12, CFP No. 4) in the thick of

The Utes (6-3, 3-3) were on their way to taking a 14-0 lead early in the second quarter when Wilson connected with Clay, who was cruising to long touchdown when he casually dropped the ball a yard before he

crossed the goal line. As the Utes celebrated, Walker grabbed the ball and chugged down the sideline for a touchdown.

Rashad Greene had a career-high 13 receptions for 136 yards and a touchdown for the Seminoles.

In other games, No. 6 TCU's Trevone Boykin ran for 123 yards and three touchdowns and threw for another score in a 41-20 victory over Kansas State, No. 11 Arizona State downed No. 8 Notre Dame 55-31, No. 10 Baylor downed No. 16 Oklahoma 48-14 and No. 12 Mississippi trounced Presbyterian 48-0.

Hutson Mason threw a career-best four touchdown passes for No. 17 Georgia in a 63-31 win over Kentucky, No. 18 UCLA beat Washington 44-30, No. 21 Arizona defeated Colorado 38-20, No. 22 Duke cruised past Syracuse 27-10 and No. 23 Marshall had a convincing 63-17 victory over Southern Mississippi.

Texas inched closer to a possible bowl game in coach Charlie Strong's first season with a 33-16 win over No. 24 West Virginia and No. 25 Wisconsin defeated Purdue 34-16. □

## In the Spotlight:

# Buckeyes roll past Spartans to bolster playoff hopes

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**EAST LANSING, Mich.** — The players and the coaches of No. 8 Michigan State and No. 14 Ohio State, speaking before Saturday's game, described their teams as mirror images.

Each had a 7-1 record overall, each was 4-0 in the Big Ten, and each shared the lead of the conference's East Division. Each team relied on a physical, stingy defense and on an offense that seemingly score at will.

The parallels appeared everywhere on paper, but they disappeared in the chilly, damp atmosphere in Spartan Stadium.

Ohio State displayed offensive variety and preci-

sion fueled by the poised passing performance of the freshman quarterback J.T. Barrett, on the way to a dominating 49-37 victory. Barrett, who was the third-string quarterback during spring practice, threw for three touchdowns, ran for two scores and passed for 300 yards. Ohio State rolled up 568 yards of offense, smashing a previously stalwart Michigan State defense.

"The bottom line is, we couldn't stop them," Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio said. "At the end of the day, we didn't get what we wanted."

The Spartans had held opponents an average to 20.2 points and 279.4 yards of offense per game.

"We will never forget to-

night," Ohio State coach Urban Meyer said in a post-game interview with ABC.



**Ohio State wide receiver Devin Smith (9) and teammates sing "Carmen Ohio" after they defeated Michigan State 49-37 in an NCAA college football game in East Lansing, Mich., Saturday, Nov. 8, 2014. (AP Photo/Carlos Osorio)**

"The future is bright at Ohio State. A young team just played a pretty veteran team and came out on

top."

The Buckeyes have not lost at Spartan Stadium since

futures of the Buckeyes and the Spartans.

Ohio State assumed sole possession of the East Division lead and the inside track for another trip to the Big Ten championship game, in Indianapolis on Dec. 6. The Buckeyes will move up in the rankings and are likely to improve their stock with the College Football Playoff selection committee.

Michigan State's hopes for reaching the Big Ten championship game, and of being in the conversation for the national title playoff, were dealt a serious blow.

"This ought to end it," Dantonio said when asked about speculation about Michigan State's playoff chances. □

1999 and have defeated Michigan State four times in the past six games.

The win put wrinkles in the



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## Wearable Computing: Jawbone Up3 band taking tracking to new extremes

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Jawbone, the wearable activity tracker pioneer, will not be moved by the move toward smart watches. This year, Jawbone will release the Up3, the third iteration of its subtle, slim and stubbornly screen-free wristband, as well as a small, inexpensive tracker called the Jawbone Up Move that can be worn either as a clip or popped into a wristband accessory.

Neither will let you know about incoming texts, show a few lines of incoming email or let you call for a car. Instead, Jawbone said, the \$50 Up Move is designed to interest a whole new audience in small, easy to wear and cheap activity trackers - and boasts a six-month battery life. (Fans of the Misfit Shine will notice a striking similarity.)

The intriguing new Up3 is designed to be worn 24 hours a day and will use cutting-edge sensor technology to create a picture of a person's health that is remarkably complete. Also, wonder of wonders, some versions of the Up3 might end up being attractive, even jewelry-like. The band, scheduled to be released before the end of the year, is smaller and slimmer than the existing Up24 band from Jawbone. The device has been redesigned to sit flat against the wrist in contrast to the slightly protuberant wraparound design of the current model. It will come in black, initially, with twist-like ridges along the top. It is waterproof up to 10 meters, with a battery that lasts a week.

Jawbone plans to release red and silver models, and to encourage partners to develop versions that look even more like bracelets than activity trackers.

But the band's tracking capabilities are the really interesting element. The underside of the \$180 Up3 band is adorned with various sensors for temperature and motion, and with four electrodes that send small electrical signals into the tissue on your wrist. Using an analysis process called bioimpedance, the band measures how your body conducts those currents, and can take several measurements from that information.

When the band is first released, the new sensors will measure resting heart rate and perform sleep tracking so precise that it can actually tell the difference between deep sleep and REM sleep (as it turns out, they're quite different). Of course, the band will do basic activity tracking, such as of steps and calories burned. But over time, Jawbone said it could update the bands with more features, including the ability to measure respiration, how hydrated you are and even whether you are stressed or fatigued.

All that information will be fed into Jawbone's software platform, which has always offered cool data analysis and health with a focus on sleep and fitness. Now the app will pull together data from its tracking devices into a program called Smart Coach, which will offer tips related to your workouts, how much sleep you are getting or what you are eating. □

## TV shrinks to fit millennial lifestyle

ALEX WILLIAMS

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The television has always been more than just an appliance. For decades, going back to the days when a single family on a block might have a color TV that the neighbors were invited in to watch, it has been a portal to a dreamscape, a status symbol, a trusted late-night companion.

Back in the Norman Rockwell days of one-career households and family dinners, that trusted cathode box was not only the centerpiece of most living rooms, it also served as a form of emotional glue for the family. Through it, the shared experiences - the Beatles on "Ed Sullivan," the Miracle on Ice - would define a generation.

But mention that experience to someone like Abigail McFee, a sophomore at Tufts University, and she may look at you with a gaze of penetrating puzzlement. She recently dropped by a friend's room on campus and beheld the most incongruous sight: a small television perched on a dresser.

"It was little bit weird," she said.

McFee, 19, has never owned a television set, nor do 90 percent of her friends at school, she estimates. In the era of laptops and Hulu, she is not quite sure why one would. "When I walk into a dorm room and see one, my first thought is, it's unnecessary," she said, "almost a waste of space."

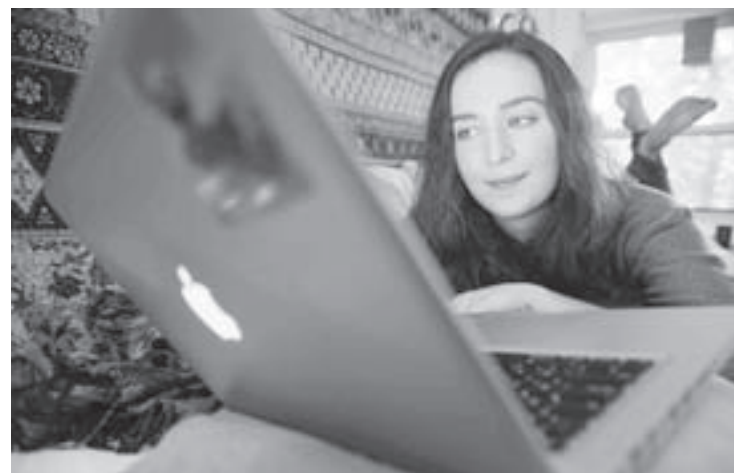
A decade ago, a home - even, in many cases, a dorm room - without a television would have seemed virtually unthinkable, like a house without a telephone.

And, that, in a sense, is the point.

Just as the landline went

from household staple to quaint anachronism seemingly overnight during the last decade (acquiring a profoundly uncool air along the way), the television set has started to look at best like a luxury, if not an irrelevance, in the eyes of many members of the wired generation, who have moved past

was a standing weekly appointment not just with the WB, but with your friends," she added. "You'd call them during the commercials to freak out about whatever just happened." Somewhere along the way, however, a bond was broken - at least for some. "Growing up, TV ruled my life," said Francine Lieber-



**Abigail McFee, a sophomore at Tufts University in Medford, Mass. Many millennials' relationship with television is changing so quickly as to make the unthinkable — the disappearance of the TV set — a real possibility. "When I walk into a dorm room and see one, my first thought is, it's unnecessary, almost a waste of space," McFee says.**

(Mark Ostrow/The New York Times)

the "cord-cutter" stage, in which they get rid of cable, to getting rid of their TV sets entirely.

As flat-screen sales skid, programming migrates to the Web (just last month, HBO and CBS made splashy announcements for new subscription streaming services), and customs like password-swapping and live-tweeting render viewing habits unrecognizable from even five years ago, the central role of the television set in American life is being shaken for the first time since the rabbit-ears era. "Generation Y was really defined by networks, namely MTV and Nickelodeon," said Leonora Epstein, 29, the co-author of "X vs. Y: A Culture War, a Love Story," released this year. "I remember when 'Dawson's Creek' was on, it

man, a 25-year-old landscape architect. Even so, she has not owned a television since college, nor do at least half her female friends these days (her male friends, by contrast, all seem to require the splashiest 60-inch available to capture the cinematic glory of "SportsCenter"). For her, it's a lifestyle choice.

"I live in New York City, I find events to go to every night, and have seen my social and professional life flourish as a result," Lieberman said. "While there are certainly the rare nights where I find myself curling up with an iPad to catch a show, the only time I watch a program from an actual set is during my daily morning run at the gym." □

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# JPMorgan plans cut 3,000 more jobs this year

**STEVE ROTHWELL**  
**AP Business Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — JPMorgan, the nation's largest bank by assets, is cutting 3,000 more jobs this year than previously planned in its card and mortgage business units.

The bank said in February that it was planning to eliminate about 2,000 jobs this year in its card, merchant services and auto unit, but now says that it will have

cut a total of 4,000 jobs in the unit by the end of 2014. JPMorgan will also eliminate more jobs in its mortgage unit, reducing up to 7,000 positions in that part of the bank, compared with an earlier target of 6,000.

The New York bank employs about 242,000 employees worldwide, according to its most recent earnings release.

The figures were disclosed in a presentation made this weekend by Gordon Smith, CEO of Chase Consumer & Community Banking. He was speaking at the Banc-Analysts Association of Boston Conference in Boston. JPMorgan Chase & Co., which reported net income of \$5.6 billion in the third quarter, is seeking to cut expenses at its consumer banking unit by \$2 billion between 2014 and 2016,

according to the presentation.

The lender is cutting costs in its mortgage unit as demand for home refinancing has waned as rates have started rising.

The average U.S. long-term mortgage rate for a 30-year loan rose to 4.02 percent, Freddie Mac said Thursday. The rate was 3.41 percent in January of last year.

The bank is also trying to cut

the costs through greater use of technology.

For example, by encouraging more customers to use electronic statements instead of paper ones, the bank estimates that it can save about \$100 million in paper and mailing costs by 2016. Smith estimates that the cost of a mailing statement is about 50 cents, compared to a cost of less than 1 cent for one that is sent electronically.

# Berkshire's earnings down 9 percent from year ago

**JOSH FUNK**  
**AP Business Writer**

**OMAHA, Neb. (AP)** — Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway reported a 9 percent drop in third-quarter profit versus the same period a year ago, when the company had large investment gains.

Berkshire said this weekend it earned \$4.62 billion, or \$2,811 per Class A share. That's down from \$5.05 billion, or \$3,074 per share, last year.

Revenue grew 10 percent to \$51.2 billion. Buffett is chairman and CEO of the Omaha, Nebraska-based conglomerate.

Berkshire wrote down the value of its investment in British retailer Tesco by \$678 million. Buffett told CNBC in an interview last month that the Tesco investment was a mistake. Berkshire cut its Tesco stake to less than 3 percent last month, from 5.1 percent last year.

The Tesco writedown was part of an overall loss of \$107 million on Berkshire's investments and derivatives. Last year the company had \$1.39 billion in investment

and derivative gains related mostly to deals made during the financial crisis, making for a difficult comparison this year. Berkshire recorded big investment

Goldman Sachs for stock. Mars and Wrigley also repaid Berkshire for crisis-era investments.

The four analysts surveyed by FactSet expected Berk-

do not generally comment on quarterly results, and no one responded immediately Friday to an inquiry about on the report.

Buffett has said Berkshire's

any given period, because those figures exclude the value of derivatives and investment gains or losses.

Berkshire's operating earnings were \$4.7 billion, or \$2,876 per share, during the quarter. That was 29 percent higher than last year's \$3.66 billion, or \$2,228 per share. Many of Berkshire's operating businesses performed well during the quarter, and the company reported holding \$62.4 billion cash at the end of the quarter, up from \$42 billion last year. Andy Kilpatrick, who wrote "Of Permanent Value, the Story of Warren Buffett," said Berkshire's subsidiaries are generating solid profits, and the company is in good position for a significant acquisition if Buffett finds the right business. "He's really piling up the cash," Kilpatrick said.

Berkshire's BNSF railroad delivered \$1.035 billion net income in the quarter, up from \$989 million a year ago as it handled 2 percent more carloads of freight and charged 3 percent more per car on average.



**Berkshire Hathaway Chairman and CEO Warren Buffett gestures during an interview with Liz Claman on the Fox Business Network in Omaha, Neb. Berkshire Hathaway reported a 9 percent drop in third-quarter profit versus the same period a year ago.**

(AP Photo/Nati Harnik)

gains last year as it prepared to redeem warrants in General Electric and

share to report earnings per share of \$2,560.29.

Berkshire Hathaway officials

operating earnings are a better measure of how the company is performing in

# AT&T says it will buy Mexico's Iusacell for \$1.8B

**NEW YORK (AP)** — AT&T is buying Mexican wireless company Iusacell for \$1.8 billion and plans to grow in Mexico. The Dallas company said this weekend that Iusacell has 8.6 million subscribers under the Iusacell and Unefon brand names. AT&T had 116.6 million subscribers as of June 30.

AT&T values the deal at \$2.5 billion when debt is

included. The company sees potential for growth in Mexico because of its rising population and middle class, even as the proportion of Mexican people with wireless service lags other Latin American countries, according to AT&T.

"Mexico is still in the early stages of mobile Internet capabilities and adoption, but customer demand for

it is growing rapidly," said AT&T CEO Randall Stephenson in a statement.

The acquisition could potentially lead to plans that include free or reduced rates for Americans traveling in or calling to Mexico, or the other way around. The need to dial a country code for Mexico likely wouldn't change, as Mexico doesn't participate in

the North American system of dialing 1 plus the area code.

AT&T also said that reforms pushed by Mexico's president, Enrique Pena Nieto, were a factor in its decision to buy the company. Nieto's reforms were meant to bring higher standards and more competition to areas that included the telecommunications industry.

Grupo Salinas owns 50 percent of Iusacell and announced Friday that it will buy the other half. AT&T will buy Iusacell after that deal closes and expects that to happen during the first quarter, following a review by Mexican regulators. AT&T Inc. shares rose 19 cents to \$34.91 on Friday and gained 9 cents to \$35 in aftermarket trading.



## Reinventing themselves without a big safety net

HANNAH SELIGSON

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My husband, who is 34, recently quit his federal government job, where he worked on climate-change issues for four years. He left because we decided to move to New York for my work and because he was itching to explore other options.

The news that he is between jobs has not always gone down well with family members and friends. It's not uncommon for a piteous expression to appear on their faces, at which point they may ask him: "What do you want to do with your life?" At that point, we feel the need to comfort our loved ones and assure them that everything will turn out all right.

These days, many people in their 20s and 30s are eager to push themselves into entirely different careers, whether because the economy is telling them to do so, their ambitions are signaling it's time for a change, or they've been laid off. And if they are childless, this may be a good time to take the financial risk of not working for a while. A result of all this is that career gaps can be an acceptable option for my generation. (I'm 32 myself.)

To cope with living in an interstitial state, young people are cobbling together freelance or contract work, or accepting help from their parents. Others have full-time jobs and may either yearn for a new career or feel their companies aren't investing in them or offering a clear career path. They may be asking themselves, "When is it OK to quit a job without having another one?"

Jamie Yang, 34, decided it would be OK to quit. He has plans to leave his position as president of EGG-energy, a renewable-energy company in Tanzania - although he will remain on its board - and does not have another job lined up.

"I don't expect to find a CEO position available to me in the U.S.," Yang, who is from the Los Angeles area, wrote in an email. He said he was prepared to take a step down the ladder if necessary and was looking for positions that would allow him to work on business development, strategy, product design or management. According to the Labor Department, adults born in the early 1980s held an average of 6.2 jobs from ages 18 to 26. To baby boomers, many of whom might have had a more linear trajectory in the workplace when they were in that age range, the peripatetic and uncertain nature of today's workplace can be a source of anxiety when it comes to their children.

"My parents seem a bit nervous that I don't have anything yet," Yang said.

While the conventional wisdom is that employers like to see consistency, the ability to reinvent oneself is gaining currency as a sought-after talent.

"Moving from one career to another is all about listening, and if you are smart, it's about responding to what the marketplace wants and realigning accordingly," Domingue said.

Although neither sex is impervious to these lulls, women may not raise as many eyebrows when they tell people they aren't working.

"There is more cultural acceptance of women moving in and out of the workforce," Pollak said. "We unfairly expect men to know where they are going."

That seems to be true for my husband, to some degree. After one too many distressed onlookers responded to his news, I suggested that his career gap needed a rebranding. He wasn't in between jobs; he was a consultant, just like everyone else. □

## On Estate Planning: Focusing More on the Human Element

PAUL SULLIVAN

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John A. Warnick remembers when he realized trust and estate lawyers like him were doing a disservice to their clients.

It was early on a Tuesday, after a holiday weekend in 2000 or 2001, when a 21-year-old client called cursing and saying that she wanted to fire her trustee. She hadn't received her monthly distribution check from a trust fund set up for her and her siblings.

Warnick tried to explain that given the holiday

got Warnick, then a lawyer at a large law firm in Denver, thinking about how estate planning was missing the human component. The emphasis was on transferring the most money to heirs free of estate tax and then insulating that money from creditors.

"I said, 'There has to be a better way to do planning so all this tax-efficient, elegant trust planning doesn't hurt people,'?" he said. "I saw well-intentioned, technically precise plans reap negative unintended consequences."

professionals who practice estate planning in more traditional ways.

There are limits to purposeful planning. "You can't suddenly at age 55 or 65 or 75 turn out a generous stripe and expect to overcome years of parenting neglect or bad parenting," Warnick said. "We're not saying this by itself is going to save the trust beneficiary. We need to work on the document but also on the financial parenting and grandparenting."

Another limit is that this approach to planning takes



**John Warnick, of the Purposeful Planning Institute, in Denver, Nov. 6, 2014. Warnick's institute takes a more personal approach to trusts, encouraging clients to craft them in a way that is not destructive to beneficiaries.**  
(Kevin Moloney/The New York Times)

weekend the check had probably been delayed in the mail and would arrive in the next day or two. But she was convinced the trustee was holding back the money.

"The trust was created for them to get an education, and here she was at 21, dropped out, living on a monthly distribution," he said. "What I found out is she had spent the weekend gambling at a casino in the mountains and had written checks that were going to bounce if she didn't get a distribution."

While the scene seems like something out of a reality television show, every trust and estate lawyer has stories about trust-fund beneficiaries who embody all the worst traits of spoiled rich kids. But this particular call

Alas, this is not a story about a eureka moment that led immediately to change. It took Warnick another decade of toiling away at the law firm before he crystallized his goals and created the Purposeful Planning Institute.

The name itself may cause some head scratching. What kind of estate planning would not have purpose? But purposeful planning's goal is to get people who want to create a trust to think more deeply about the document's language and how it binds trustees to make distributions now and into the future.

The movement's adherents are fervent but they are also few; the institute has only about 345 members. Their approach also faces resistance from pro-

lot of time and is expensive. Alison Comstock Moss, a vice president at Paul Comstock Partners and an adherent to purposeful planning, said she can do purposeful planning only with clients who have more than \$25 million because of the cost and time involved. She charges \$24,000 as a project fee, which is separate from any investment management fees. There is a more skeptical view of purposeful planning, too. Now that the estate tax exemption for a married couple is more than \$10 million, very few people need to do the kind of tax planning that even affluent people did from the 1990s through to 2012, when the current exemption was made permanent and indexed for inflation. □



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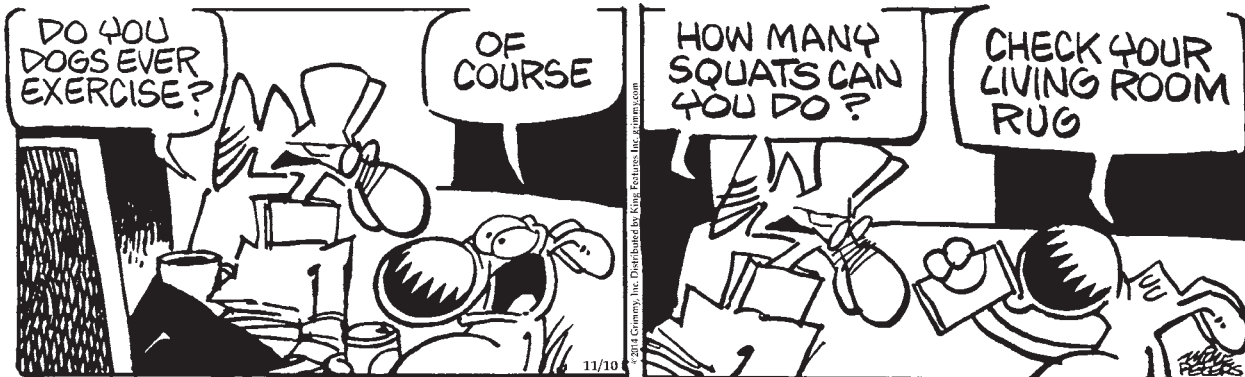
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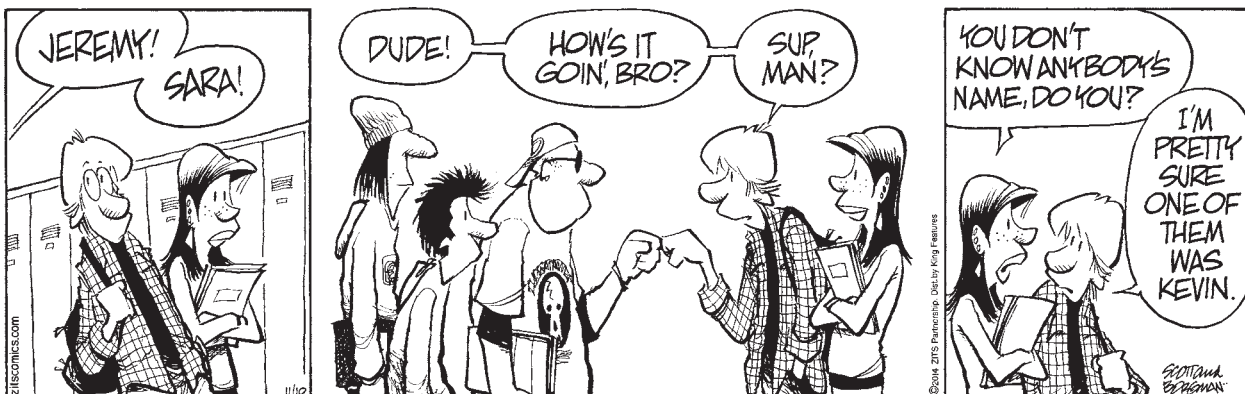
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## Baby Blues



## Zits



## Conceptis Sudoku

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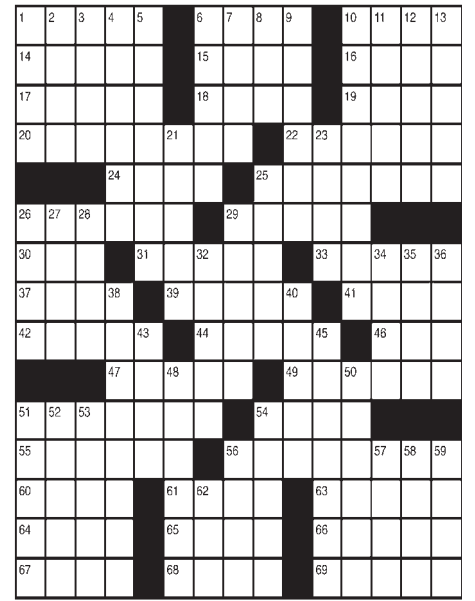
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer

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- Grand \_\_; four-run baseball hit
- Coffee
- Black card
- Nation in South America
- Elderly
- Murders
- Coral ridge
- Bookish fellow
- Church spires
- Bedspread's edge, often
- Vex
- Butter up
- Afternoon rest
- San \_\_, CA
- Cured salmon
- Glowing coal fragment
- Wear away
- Had bills
- Felt sick
- Writer Bellow
- Herb in spaghetti sauce
- Lowest point
- Record speed letters
- Like bread dipped in gravy
- Song stanzas
- Risky but exciting new enterprise
- Renown
- \_\_ it; go to extremes
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- Give in
- "Hold on a minute!"
- Singer Bonnie
- Citrus drinks
- Lounge about
- Blackboard
- Not as much
- Observes
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## Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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## TV shrinks

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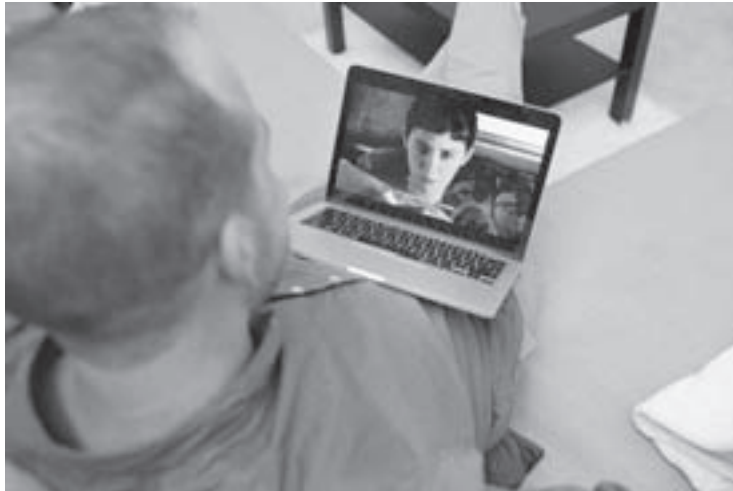
To be sure, the notion that the television may go the way of the Sony Walkman may sound like hyperbole. Some 34.5 million flat-screen televisions were shipped in the U.S. last year alone, according to figures compiled by IHS Technology, a global market research company - a substantial number, even if sales are down 13.75 percent, from 40 million, since 2010.

Yet by another, more geek-futurist view, it seems easy to start their obituary, even as manufacturers race to keep up to speed by churning out Web-enabled smart TVs. The smartphone age has been cruel to devices that perform only one function. Not only telephones, but egg timers, alarm clocks, desktop calendars, video cameras, even flashlights have all been rendered as inessential as pocket watches by the iPhone and its brethren. Certainly, the problem is not TV programming. In an age of almost infinite variety, when no one thinks twice about checking to see what's on Channel 762, TV is arguably more central to U.S. culture than in the heyday of Uncle Miltie. Premium-cable dramas like "True Detective" generate as much critical buzz as Best Picture Oscar nominees. Network ratings powerhouses like "The Voice" dominate the water cooler. And many millennials who have ditched their TVs still actually love television. They may, in fact, watch more of it than ever since unplugging, thanks to the relatively newfound ability to catch up on their latest shows on their phones or tablets anywhere, at any time. "I can sit on the couch and watch the new sea-

son of 'Orange Is the New Black' in a weekend," said Andrew Wojtek, a 26-year-old museum event producer who lives in New York City. "I can watch while I'm traveling on trains or planes, and staying in hotels. I can watch something

distrust of institutions) to create a rich television viewing life without the need of an actual TV.

Unwilling - and as a recent college graduate, unable - to spring for, say, an \$800 60-inch, Web-enabled Sharp Aquos for his Atlan-



Jonathan Ray uses a laptop to watch "Amelie" on Netflix at a friends house in Alpharetta, Ga., Oct. 24, 2014. Many millennials' relationship with television is changing so quickly as to make the unthinkable — the disappearance of the TV set — a real possibility. To me, it's a blender," said Ray. "I may need one one day, it might be nice to have one. But it's by no means essential." (Amber Fouts/The New York Times)

on a break in the park or in a coffee shop while wasting time waiting to meet up with a friend."

Others see television as an unneeded expense. They are part of a growing breed - screen agnostics - that tap the hacker instincts (and, perhaps, a generational

ta living room, or even the \$200 for a used 32-inch off Craigslist, Jonathan Ray relies on his MacBook Pro or iPhone to catch most comedies, like "Veep." For high-production-value shows like "Game of Thrones" that cry out for a more cinematic experience, Ray cobbled

together a Franken-TV out of a spare computer monitor, an old set of computer speakers and an Apple TV box. And no need for cable. To defray subscription costs, he shares Netflix, Hulu Plus, Amazon Prime video and HBO Go passwords with friends. "To me, it's a blender," Ray said of the traditional television set. "I may need one one day; it might be nice to have one. But it's by no means essential." Even so, other hardened TV apostates confessed that they are not immune to the charms of a 48-inch Sony when it comes to events like a "Mad Men" season finale or the Olympics opening ceremony. Having grown addicted to the "Doctor Who" reboot online, Hannah Hamill - a 29-year-old stay-at-home mother in Philadelphia who never bothered to replace her cathode-tube television when broadcast networks moved to the digital standard in 2009 - found herself driving 20 miles to her sister's house when BBC America broadcast a 50th anniversary "Doctor Who" special last November. "I thought, 'I'm going to really treat myself and watch something on a 50-inch screen.'"

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## NASA: Comet bombarded Mars sky with meteor shower

**SETH BORENSTEIN**  
AP Science Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A pristine distant comet created a once-in-8-million-year fireworks show above Mars last month. But no one got to see it live.

New NASA data from satellites circling Mars shows that when the comet named Siding Spring skimmed the red planet, tons of comet dust bombarded the Martian sky with thousands of fireballs an hour. It warped the Martian atmosphere leaving all sorts of metals and an eerie yellow afterglow on Oct. 19.

A meteor shower from magnesium, sodium, iron and five other metals may have been so heavy that it might be even considered a meteor storm, said University of Colorado scientist Nick Schneider. Spikes in magnesium physically changed the atmosphere around Mars, while sodium left a yellowish glow in the sky after the meteor showers finished, he said.



This handout artist's concept provided by NASA/JPL shows the Comet Siding Spring approaching Mars, shown with NASA's orbiters preparing to make science observations of this unique encounter. A pristine distant comet created a once-in-eight-million-year fireworks show on Mars and no humans were there to witness it.

(AP Photo/NASA/JPL)

"It would have been truly stunning to the human eye," said Schneider, who was the lead instrument scientist for one of NASA's Martian satellites. "It would have been really mind-blowing."

The best view would have been from the Martian surface, where NASA had the

rovers Opportunity and Curiosity looking up. But the rovers could only take stills, said agency chief planetary scientist Jim Green. There was no video to capture the shooting stars that made it a spectacular light show.

Instead, NASA's satellites recorded lots of scientific

data, which allowed astronomers to describe what it must have been like.

The core of the spinning comet moved by Mars at more than 125,000 mph (201,200 kph) and could have been as large as 1.2 miles (2 kilometers) wide, astronomers said.

It was not only big, but the

dust assault was far larger than NASA anticipated, Green said. NASA's models estimated that the dust would not be enough to harm the satellites around Mars, but the agency moved them to the other side of the planet just in case. That turned out to be wise, he said.

## Planned spacecraft comet landing has scientists buzzing

**FRANK JORDANS**  
Associated Press

**BERLIN (AP)** — The European Space Agency is making final preparations to land the first unmanned spacecraft on a comet next week, and scientists

are hoping that technology designed a quarter century ago will perform as planned.

Europe's Rosetta space probe was launched in 2004 with the aim of studying comet 67P/Churyumov-

Gerasimenko and learning more about the origins of the universe.

After successfully getting Rosetta to rendezvous with the comet in August, scientists intend to release a small landing craft called Philae onto its icy surface.

The drop — scheduled for 0835 GMT (3:35 a.m. EST) Wednesday — requires a series of complex orbital maneuvers over the coming days. Since signals take over 28 minutes to travel the 500 million kilometers (311 million miles) from Earth to Rosetta, scientists have programmed the probe to perform the separation sequence itself when

the moment is right.

They will rely on what, in digital terms, is ancient technology. "The design and building started some 20 years ago," mission manager Fred Jansen told reporters Friday. "Effectively you're looking at technology, computing-wise, of the end of the 1980s."

The 100-kilogram (220-pound) lander should touch down on the surface of the comet about seven hours later, with confirmation reaching Earth at about 1603 GMT (11:03 a.m. EST).

"There is no doubt that we'll hit the comet," said spacecraft operations manag-

er Andrea Accomazzo. "Whether we hit it safely is another matter."

The European Space Agency, which relies for funding on its member states, has sought to drum up public interest in the mission with a series of high-profile campaigns over the past year. These include an online vote on what to name the landing site — Agilkia, after an island on the Nile River, was chosen — and the release of a sci-fi short film called "Ambition" starring "Game of Thrones" actor Aidan Gillen.

The landing event will be streamed on the space agency's website.

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# 'Big Hero 6,' 'Interstellar' shoot box office into orbit!

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**AP Entertainment Writer**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — A team of animated Marvel characters rocketed past a group of wormhole-bound astronauts at the weekend box office.

Disney's animated adventure "Big Hero 6," featuring the inflatable robot Baymax and his prodigy pal Hiro from the Marvel comic book, debuted in first place with \$56.2 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. Paramount's space saga "Interstellar," starring Matthew McConaughey and Anne Hathaway as astronauts, took off in second place with \$50 million, estimates said.

Before launching in more than 3,500 theaters this weekend, writer-director Christopher Nolan's "Interstellar" played Wednesday and Thursday in about 250 theaters equipped to project the movie on film —

"The Dark Knight" filmmaker's preferred method of showcasing his creations. "Interstellar" opened be-

low Nolan's last film, the mind-bending thriller "In-

ception," which conjured up \$62.8 million when it

debuted in 2010. Nolan's sci-fi odyssey also wasn't in the orbit of last year's \$55.8 million opening for Para-

"Gravity" clocked in at 91 minutes.

"The difference is 'Interstellar' isn't in 3D, and certainly

gan Colligan, Paramount's head of domestic marketing and distribution. "Given those factors, we did spec-



This image released by Disney shows animated character Baymax, voiced by Scott Adsit, in a scene from "Big Hero 6."

(AP Photo/Disney)

mount's previous space epic, "Gravity." "Interstellar" has a hefty running time of 169 minutes, while

the running time on our film does change the play pattern in that you lose an evening show," said Me-

tacularly well. 'Gravity' also opened by itself. We had another big film in the marketplace."



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# Foreign brands covet Brazil's hot fashion market

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**SAO PAULO (AP)** — Even before the models in towering heels and slinky little numbers had left the catwalk, audience members were out of their seats and frantically elbowing their way toward a pop-up boutique set up at the top of the runway. Just minutes after the conclusion of an extravagant show unveiling a capsule collection by Versace for Brazilian fast-fashion retailer Riachuelo, the cash registers were hopping. Despite its sputtering economy, Brazil continues to be a prized target market for international fashion brands, as witnessed during the Sao Paulo fashion week's fall-winter 2015 shows that wrapped up Friday.

Versace's collection for Riachuelo, which includes pencil skirts and sexed-up gowns in the Italian house's iconic leopard and nautical prints at prices ranging from \$20 to around \$200,

wasn't the only high-profile collaboration unveiled. Stella McCartney also presented her second cap-

look that has become the trademark of the London-based brand.

At a news conference in

C&A that prompted her to roll out another collection with the German retailer, sold exclusively in Brazil.

fashion."

Pieces from the collection, dominated by neutral tones like seashell pink, lames and lace, retail from \$20-\$100 and go on sale in select C&A stores on Nov. 18.

In this era of instant gratification, where brands are desperate to cash in on the excitement generated by lavish runway shows, Versace's catwalk pop-up boutique might emerge as a new trend.

After designer Donatella Versace emerged on the catwalk Thursday night to take a bow, flanked by two tattoo-covered hunks in campy sailor costumes worthy of the Village People, a giant neon sign reading "open" lit up, and frantic audience members made a mad dash for the racks hung with the second-skin minidresses and legging-tight jeans like those worn by the models just minutes earlier. Lines immediately formed at the half a dozen tills set up for the occasion. □



**Models wait backstage to take the catwalk for the presentation of Teca by Helo Rocha at a Sao Paulo fashion week's fall-winter show, in Sao Paulo, Brazil. (AP Photo/Nelson Antoine)**

sule collection with C&A, made up of boxy-cut blouses and pants in fluid fabrics that riffed on the romantic, androgynous

Sao Paulo, McCartney told journalists it was in part the enthusiastic response in fashion-crazy Brazil to her first collaboration with

"Brazilian women are cool and sexy, but they're also aware," as consumers, McCartney said. "I'd say they're at the forefront of

# Starry crowd celebrates honorary Academy Awards

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — A constellation of stars gathered in Hollywood for an off-camera celebration of four stalwart film talents.

Reese Witherspoon, Jennifer Aniston, Steve Carell, Kevin Costner, Mark Wahlberg, Sidney Poitier, Ed Norton, Benedict Cumberbatch, Chris Rock, Eddie Redmayne, Ron Howard and Hilary Swank were among the celebrities toasting the first Oscar winners of the season at the film academy's Governors Awards Saturday night.

Actress Maureen O'Hara, filmmaker Hayao Miyazaki, screenwriter Jean-Claude Carriere and actor and activist Harry Belafonte accepted honorary Oscars at the private dinner ceremony at Hollywood & Highland's Ray Dolby Ballroom. Jessica Chastain, Warren Beatty, Octavia Spencer, Jake Gyllenhaal, Mark Ruffalo, Robert Duvall, Robert Downey Jr. and Tilda Swin-

ton, sporting a platinum faux-hawk, also attended the three-hour celebration. Pixar chief John Lasseter presented Miyazaki with an Oscar statuette, calling the Japanese animator "the most original filmmaker to ever work in our medium." Accepting the trophy, Miyazaki said through a translator that he considered himself lucky, adding, "My greatest luck is that I got to meet Maureen O'Hara today."

The 94-year-old O'Hara was introduced by Liam Neeson and Clint Eastwood, each of whom confessed to having a crush on the Irish-born beauty. Neeson described her as "one of the true legends of cinema" and "one of the most adventurous women who ever lived," explaining the actress was a pioneer in doing her own stunts on screen.

O'Hara came to the stage in a wheelchair and read a brief statement of thanks in which she acknowledged

filmmakers Charles Laughton and John Ford, along with her co-star in several films, John Wayne.

When Neeson handed her the Oscar, she asked in disbelief, "What's this?!"

"I only hope it's silver or

French screenwriter lauded the many directors he's collaborated with over his five decades in film, saying, "They're always present, even today. When I'm working, I hear their voices."



**Reese Witherspoon, left, and Jean-Marc Vallée arrive at the 6th annual Governors Awards at the Hollywood and Highland Center on Saturday, Nov. 8, 2014 in Los Angeles.**

**(Photo by Chris Pizzello/Invision/AP)**

gold and not like a spoon out of the kitchen," she said.

Carriere accepted his Oscar from "The Unbearable Lightness of Being" director, Philip Kaufman. The

Chris Rock and Susan Sarandon introduced Belafonte, who received the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award for his decades of activism for social justice. "I'm not here to honor

you," Rock said. "I'm here to thank you."

Sarandon called the 87-year-old entertainer "a real-life, flesh and blood hero."

Belafonte said he was moved by the recognition. "To be rewarded by my peers for my work for human rights, civil rights and for peace... It powerfully mutes the enemy's thunder," he said.

He shared the honor with Poitier, whom he referred to as "my elderly friend."

"He redirected the ship of racial hatred in American culture," Belafonte said.

He spoke of Hollywood's progress toward telling stories that offer "deeper insights into human existence," such as "Schindler's List," "Back to Back Mountain," and "12 Years a Slave," and film's far-reaching ability to influence popular opinion.

"Maybe, just maybe, it could be civilization's game-changer," he said. □



## Triumph of the Wrong



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The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet midterms to men of understanding. Or as I put it on the eve of another Republican Party sweep, politics determines who has the power, not who has the truth. Still, it's not often that a party that is so wrong about so much does as well as Republicans did on Tuesday.

I'll talk in a bit about some of the reasons that may have happened. But it's important, first, to point out that the midterm results are no reason to think better of the Republican position on major issues. I suspect that some pundits will shade their analysis to reflect the new balance of power - for example, by once again pretending that Rep. Paul Ryan's budget proposals are good-faith attempts to put America's fiscal house in order, rather than exercises in deception and double-talk. But Republican policy proposals deserve more critical scrutiny, not less, now that the party has more ability to impose its agenda.

So now is a good time to remember just how wrong the new rulers of Congress have been about, well, everything. First, there's economic policy. According to conservative dogma, which denounces any regulation of the sacred pursuit of profit, the financial crisis of 2008 - brought on by runaway financial institutions - shouldn't have been possible. But Republicans chose not to rethink their views even slightly. They invented an imaginary history in which the government was somehow responsible for the irresponsibility of private lenders, while fighting any and all policies that might limit the damage. In 2009, when an ailing economy desperately needed aid, John Boehner, soon to become the speaker of the House, declared: "It's time for government to tighten their belts."

So here we are, with years of experience to examine, and the lessons of that experience couldn't be clearer. Predictions that deficit spending would lead to soaring interest rates, that easy money would lead to runaway inflation and debase the dollar, have been wrong again and again. Governments that did what Boehner urged, slashing spending in the face of depressed economies, have presided over Depression-level economic slumps. And the at-

tempts of Republican governors to prove that cutting taxes on the wealthy is a magic growth elixir have failed with flying colors.

In short, the story of conservative economics these past six years and more has been one of intellectual debacle - made worse by the striking inability of many on the right to admit error under any circumstances.

Then there's health reform, where Republicans were very clear about what was supposed to happen: minimal enrollments, more people losing insurance than gaining it, soaring costs. Reality, so far, has begged to differ, delivering above-predicted sign-ups, a sharp drop in the number of Americans without health insurance, premiums well below expectations, and a sharp slowdown in overall health spending.

And we shouldn't forget the most important wrongness of all, on climate change. As late as 2008, some Republicans were willing to admit that the problem was real and even advocate serious policies to limit emissions - Sen. John McCain proposed a cap-and-trade system similar to Democratic proposals. But these days the party is dominated by climate denialists and to some extent by conspiracy theorists who insist that the whole issue is a hoax concocted by a cabal of left-wing scientists. Now these people will be in a position to block action for years to come, quite possibly pushing us past the point of no return.

But if Republicans have been so completely wrong about everything, why did voters give them such a big victory?

Part of the answer is that leading Republicans managed to mask their true positions. Perhaps most notably, Sen. Mitch McConnell, the incoming majority leader, managed to convey the completely false impression that Kentucky could retain its impressive gains in health coverage even if Obamacare were repealed.

But the biggest secret of the Republican triumph surely lies in the discovery that obstructionism bordering on sabotage is a winning political strategy. From Day 1 of the Obama administration, McConnell and his colleagues have done everything they could to undermine effective policy, in particular blocking every effort to do the obvious thing - boost infrastructure spending - in a time of low interest rates and high unemployment.

This was, it turned out, bad for America but good for Republicans. Most voters don't know much about policy details, nor do they understand the legislative process. So all they saw was that the man in the White House wasn't delivering prosperity - and they punished his party.

Will things change now that the GOP can't so easily evade responsibility? I guess we'll find out. □



## Big Money Wins Again in a Romp



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The day after the midterm elections, I met up with a man named Ira Glasser, the former longtime head of the American Civil Liberties Union. For days, the media had been full of news about the enormous sums of money likely to be spent by special-interest groups and others to influence the outcome of Senate races, House races, gubernatorial races - even judicial races. According to the Center for Responsive Politics, which issued a report just days before the midterms, nearly \$4 billion was expected to be spent, in toto, on the midterms. Glasser had no problem with any of this. As you would expect of someone who once ran the ACLU - he retired in 2001 - Glasser is a First Amendment absolutist. And to him, that means that he supports the Supreme Court's 2010 ruling on Citizens United because he believes virtually all campaign finance laws violate the First Amendment.

"So money equals speech?" I asked. No, he said. "But nobody speaks very effectively without money. If you limit how much you spend on speech, you are also limiting speech."

As Glasser talked, I kept finding myself circling back to the same question: But what about what happens after the elec-

tion? It is not the spending itself that is the problem, but rather the purpose of that spending. Big contributors want something for their money. At its most benign, they want access, the ability to have their side heard whenever there is the possibility that legislation might affect their industry. Far less benignly, they want more - they want to know that their bidding will be done.

It can be subtle, this influence. "Maybe it's the amendment that does not get introduced in committee because the congressman knows that it is not in sync with the desires of his money patrons," said Rep. John Sarbanes, D-Md., who has focused much of his legislative effort on campaign finance reform. "The donation is lingering somewhere in the atmosphere. It's human nature."

Of course it can be not so subtle, too. "On any given Wednesday night in Washington," says Nick Penniman, the executive director of Issue One, which is dedicated to reducing the influence of money in politics, "you'll have a member of, say, the finance committee, standing in the board room of a lobbyist's office, surrounded by bank lobbyists. At some point, someone will hand a staffer an envelope with the checks in it, and the congressman will have raised \$100,000 in 45 minutes. And they know exactly who was responsible for putting it together, and whose phone calls therefore need to be returned." Penniman makes a distinction between "ideological givers" - donors like the Koch brothers, motivated by the chance to get like-minded people elected - and "transactional givers," those who donate because they expect something concrete in return. "These are folks who give just as generously to both sides of the aisle."

Sarbanes agreed: "Big money wins regardless of which party

wins the election."

"In fact," he added, "the more money that is spent, the greater the dependence that is created."

There are two other reasons big money is corrosive to our politics. One is that the need to raise money has become close to all-consuming. The current issue of Esquire magazine - which has a nifty package of articles about what is wrong with Congress and some suggestions for how various problems might be fixed - quotes Rep. Donna Edwards, D-Md.: "It's a never-ending hustle. You get elected to this august body to fix problems, and for the privilege, you find yourself on the phone in a cubicle, dialing for dollars."

The retiring Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, has said that he believes that the constant need to raise money means that "you don't have the time for the kind of personal relationships that so many of us built up over time." When people don't know each other, it is a lot easier to think the worst of them. Polarization is the result. Finally, there is the effect of big money on the rest of us. The public, Sarbanes believes, knows full well the insidious influence of money in politics. "The rational voter will say to himself, why should I bother voting if the person I'm voting for is a captive of special interests," he said. "As a result, people are staying at home."

And how does Glasser react to these tales of corruption? He doesn't deny them. "Of course there is corruption," he says. "Of course there is undue influence of money." But he doesn't believe that those problems are as great as they are made out to be, or that they trump his First Amendment concerns.

"The question is whether the remedy does more harm than good and violates the constitution," he says.

Me, I'm not convinced. Are you? □



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## High Notes: Clean, With Subtle Hints of Citrus

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**DENVER** - Jake Browne was carefully rotating a marijuana bud between his fingers.

"I'm looking for bugs, mildew, things I wouldn't want to ingest," he said, leaning forward to hold the nickel-size flower up to the light. He paused, then took a sip of water from a cup with a Miley Cyrus hologram down its side. "This looks clean," he concluded. Browne, 31, held the bud up to his nose and inhaled. Then he opened his computer. "Faint lemony sweetness," he typed, before loading the pot into a small glass pipe.

"I usually will take one, maybe two hits," he said as he fired up the bowl. "I'm looking for how it burns, the taste, if it's flushed well - meaning you don't want to taste the fertilizers or chemicals." He exhaled, waited and then turned to his computer again. "Head high. No initial body effect," he wrote.

This is Browne's job (or, at least, one of his jobs). The longtime resident of the Colorado - where marijuana has been legal since January - is a comedian, a producer and a founder (with his fiancée) of a mail-order subscription box for hemp products.

He is also the first pot critic for The Denver Post, Colorado's oldest and largest daily newspaper. Which means that, every week, Browne takes a city bus from his home in Denver's Highland neighborhood, crosses a street called

Green Court and lands at one of the city's downtown marijuana dispensaries to choose his product. Yes, he is paid to smoke it - and then write about the high. "The thing people say to me most often is, 'Dude, you must have the best job ever,'" Browne said. "It's either that, or, if they're from out of state, 'Can you send me pot?'"

made journalistic sense.

"We have a restaurant critic and wine reviewers," he said. "We have an award-winning craft beer blog. From that logic you do need a pot critic - and maybe a few of them."

Browne's path into the role was unlikely. He grew up in Iowa, where, after high school, he tried his hand as a male model (Ashton

sary keep the books. ("They had been organizing files by first name," Browne said, laughing.) He wasn't a big pot smoker, but liked the business side of it. He became the company's marketing director and general manager, started a blog and opened up a pot consulting business on the side.

He saw the ad for a

logical gift of sorts: He is a supertaster. That is, somebody who possesses more taste buds than the average person (at least according to an online survey he took).

In total so far, Browne has written 27 reviews. He critiqued a strain called Jack Flash ("it practically jumped through my monitor and into my pipe"); 303 Kush ("almost overwhelming"); and wrote about a Willie Nelson-themed varietal called Red Headed Stranger No. 14 ("a little less mentally racy" but with a "strong overall high"). And while his taste buds play a role in the critiques, certainly, there is more to it.

"I think people underestimate cannabis," Browne said. "You wouldn't walk into a restaurant and say 'I'll have the wine.' So why would you assume people would do that for cannabis? In the same way that pinot grigio and pinot noir may sound similar but are completely different, names like Lemon OG and Lemon Skunk are very different strains with very different flavor components and completely different highs."

A typical day for Browne likely starts by testing a few products. On this particular day, he spent the morning at three dispensaries: LoDo Wellness, on a street called Wazee; Euflora, also known as "the Apple store for weed" (though, as Browne pointed out, it actually looked more like a RadioShack); and finally, a shop called Good Chemistry. □



**Jake Browne smells marijuana at the LoDo Wellness Center in Denver. In his role as the first pot critic for The Denver Post, Colorado's oldest, and largest, daily newspaper, Browne, 31, says the key is knowing your audience. (Matthew Staver/The New York Times)**

The Post has had two pot critics on its roster since it created a spinoff site, The Cannabist, in December. (The newspaper is searching for a third, as well as a sex columnist to write about pot and intimacy.) While adding the jobs - particularly for a mainstream newspaper - created something of a stir, Ricardo Baca, the newspaper's newly appointed cannabis editor (and a longtime staff member) said it simply

Kutcher, another former model, was from his hometown). When that didn't work out, he moved to Colorado ("I had just read 'On the Road,'" he said) and enrolled in a technical college, but dropped out. For the next few years he waited tables and worked as a bartender.

Pot wasn't legal for recreational use when he first got into the business, helping a friend who had opened a medical dispen-

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